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At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of January, Anno Domini 1846. 1.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee the present year.

Josiah Quincy, Jr. Mayor, Chairman.
George S. Willard, President of the Com. Council.

From the wards.

- Ward No. 1. Rev. Sebastian Streeter, & Henry G. Clarke
" " 2. James W. Barnes, & Samuel C. Allen.
" " 3. Daniel P. Simpson, & Moses C. Greene.
" " 4. Miriam A. Graves, & Ezra Palmer, junr.
" " 5. Frederick Emerson, & Ninian C. Betton.
" " 6. Theophilus Parsons, & Rev. Daniel Sharp.
" " 7. Edward G. Loring, & Rev. Charles Brooks.
" " 8. Rev. Daniel M. Lord, & Rev. E. M. P. Wells.
" " 9. Daniel T. Coit, & George T. Curtis.
" " 10. Rev. Mehe^r Adams, & Ezra Lincoln, junr.
" " 11. Rev. Otis A. Skinner, & Charles C. Barry.
" " 12. Alvan Simonds, & Rev. Theodore D. Cooke.

All the above named gentlemen appeared, and took their seats, except Messrs Skinner & Graves.

The board was called to order by the Mayor, Chairman who by the rules is ex officio Chairman.

Ordered, That the rules & regulations of the school committee of the last year be and hereby are Rules & Regula^{ns}.

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adopted, and to remain in force, until the further order of this board. Also the rules & orders for the government of the members of the board when in session.

Secretary

Messrs Betton & Barry, were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for a Secretary; - said committee reported, that the whole number was twenty three; all of which was for Samuel H. McCleary, and he was unanimously chosen.

Sub committees

The following sub or visiting committees, were nominated & appointed, viz:

Latin - The Mayor.

English High Messrs Curtis,

Messrs Parsons,

Palmer,

Betton,

Wells,

Adams,

Loring,

Lord,

Green.

Symon Messrs Graves.

Eliot Messrs Clarke,

Barnes,

Streeter,

Clark.

Allen.

Endicott Messrs Streeter

Wancock Messrs Barnes

Barnes,

Palmer,

Green.

Allen.

Mayhew Messrs Curtis,

Bowdoin Messrs Sharp.

Simpson,

Betton,

Graves.

Parsons.

Boylston Messrs Lord.

Adams Messrs Adams,

Wells

Cook,

Loit.

Loring.

Franklin, Mep.^r Skinner.

Adams.

Barry.

Flaves, Mep.^r Cooke.

Simonds.

Curtis.

Johnson, Mep.^r Loring.

Lincoln.

Brooks.

Otis, Mep.^r Palmer.

Clark.

Allen.

Brimmer, Mep.^r Barry.

Skinner.

Emerson.

Wells, Mep.^r Emerson.

Bellon.

Streeter.

Mather, Mep.^r Simonds.

Cooke.

Skinner.

Winthrop, Mep.^r Parsons.

Coit.

Simpson.

Dwight, Mep.^r Lincoln.

Loring.

Barry.

Phillips, Mep.^r Coit.

Brooks.

Simpson.

Smith, Mep.^r Sharp, Brooks and Graves.

On motion of Mr. Parsons, the Mayor was added to the sub committee of the Latin school as Chairman.

Committee on books, Mep.^r Parsons, Palmer, Wells, Loring Books
and Lincoln. Committee to confer with the primary school Prim. Sch.
committee - Mep.^r Emerson, Allen and Simonds. Com.^{ee} Music
on music - Mep.^r Brooks, Lincoln & Lord.

Ordered, That the several sub committees Appropriations be requested to ascertain what amount of money will be required to be appropriated for the use of their respective schools, exclusive of fuel, for the next financial year. Also the number of seats in each school house, to report at the next quarterly meeting in February next.

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Primary Sch.
Com.

The following gentlemen were nominated
and appointed members of the Primary School Com-
mittee: viz.

George Sturtevant	Joseph Robbins	Guy C. Hayes
Richard Soule, Jr.	John Atkins	Samuel W. Hall
William H. Calron	Amos Smith	Joseph W. Ingraham
Henry G. Clark	John Hoar	Ephraim Buck, Jr.
John H. Blake	L. P. Oliver	Rowland Ellis
William H. Leamard	Alexander Wood	L. Westcott
John P. Ober	Frederick T. Raymond	Charles C. Higgins
Elijah Hearn	John B. McKeary	John Spence, Jr.
Henry D. Fiske	Dexter W. Wiswell	Moses B. Williams
E. J. G. Palmer	George W. Parmenter	C. H. Shelting
Charles G. Emmons	Charles H. Dodge	Joseph W. Merrill
William C. Coale	Leamon Crosby	Abra. G. Wyman
Frederick Crosby	John White, Jr.	Samuel G. Simpkins
Samuel Clarke	John C. Park	Theodore H. Bell
David W. Horton	Francis Brown	Fred. A. Sumner
Thomas B. Hawkes	Nath. P. Kemp	William S. Coolidge
Daniel Hinchman	Fred. O. Prince	Charles Boardman
David Kimball	James Holman	Cicelyus Hobart
Archibald D. Parker	Nich. W. Bagley	Eleph. P. Hartshorn
John P. Putnam	Merrill A. Thompson	Thos. J. Humphrey
Samuel L. Abbot	Lorenzo L. Cragin	Eben Jones
William Howe	Benj. P. Richardson	Charles A. Phelps
Frederick H. Simpson	Oliver Simon	Charles Brooks
Oliver Siten	Charles Simpson	Isaiah T. Bumstead
Mrs. D. Ticknor	L. R. Marvin	William Makepeace
Charles C. Barry	Daniel T. Coit	William B. Upham

Eliza Field	C. W. Blake	N. Mital
C. H. Messenger	Leaph. B. Child	Thomas Wilder
Sam. W. Foster	William C. Child	Sam. W. Foster
Henry Burrage	Charles R. Bond	Charles McBurney
George M. Randall	Franklin C. Sanborn	Horace A. Breed
Wm. T. Smith	W. C. Foster	Wm. T. Smith
Thacker Deal	James W. Hearns	William Dall
Oleiver Carter	Wm. C. Blanchard	Volney Wilder
Stephen Tucker	Edmund Jackson	Henry R. Audigou
Alvan Simonds	Hugh Montgomery	Isaac Adams
Albert J. Wright	Chas. F. Allen	Choate Burnham
John Perkins	Charles Mead	Constance Howe
Abigail Rich	Henry Howe	W. T. Parker
Horatio B. Crane	Frederic Smith	William B. Smith
John Jones	Henry Jackson	Wm. T. Smith
William D. Smith	Wm. T. Smith	Wm. T. Smith

Resolved, That the Primary School Comm. be, and they hereby are authorized to organize their body and regulate their proceedings as they may deem most convenient; and to fill all vacancies occurring in the same ^{the same} during the ensuing year: and that this board will cheerfully receive from said committee such communications as they may have occasion to make.

Mr. Simonds proposed the following Rules for amendment: to the effect of the 4th rule to read: amend! prop.

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of this board. viz: " They shall also annually make a personal examination of the methods of teaching music in each school, with the proficiency of the pupils in the same, and shall report at the quarterly meeting in August". This proposed amendment was laid over to table.

Teachers rule
on electing

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the School committee in all future elections of teachers, to ascertain by personal examination, the literary qualifications of the candidates, according to the laws of the Commonwealth, and that such examinations be public. The foregoing resolution was referred to Messrs. Curtis, Willard, Palmer, Streeton & Spring to consider and report, upon the best manner of carrying the requisitions of the law into effect.

Lynman Sch.
master resigns

A communication was received from Albert Bowker, resigning his office as master of the Lynman School. The same was accepted, to take effect on the last day of January instant.

Lynman Sch.
organization of

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Lynman School, be requested to examine the said School, and report at the next meeting of this board, whether any and if any what change ought to be made in the organization of said School.

Annual Rept

Ordered, That the Secretary, send to the

Several masters of the schools; copies of the annual
reports of the last year; — Also to the several ushers
of the schools, if there are a sufficient number of said
books remaining.

The meeting was adjourned to Tuesday
next, four o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

J. M. O'Leary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday
the twentieth day of January, A. 1846.
Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs
Simpson and Graves.

Ordered, That the sub-committee, Latin Sch.
of the Latin School, be instructed to furnish the rooms
of said school house with clocks; also provide for that
school house plain shades for the windows.

The sub-committee who were Teachers exam^r
instructed to consider and report upon the best of
manner of carrying into effect, the requisitions
of the law concerning the examination of teachers
made a report, which was read, laid upon the table, &
ordered to be printed for the use of the members of the board.

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Books ref^d

Book com^{tee}

The following books were referred to the book committee; viz. Russell's young ladies elocutionary reader. Russell's introduction to the young ladies reader. Tower's gradual reader

Books used in

Schools

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to provide each member of the board with one set of the books used in the school to which such member is assigned, as one of the sub-committees.

Rules Reg^{ul}

amendm^{ts}

Ordered, That the Secretary cause to be printed for the use of the board such amendments to the rules and regulations as have been adopted, since the copies now in use were printed.

Graves

Sub com^{tee} pro tem

Mr Graves a member of this board from ward No 4, being absent on a voyage, for the benefit of his health, the following gentlemen were appointed pro tempore, on the sub-committees, viz. Mr Parsons on the Lyman School. Doctor Palmer on the Mayhew School, and Mr Wells on the Smith School.

The meeting was then adjourned to meet at this place, on Wednesday the twenty eighth day of January instant, at four o'clock P. M.

Attest, (S. H. McLeary

Secretary.

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A meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty eighth day of January, A. D. 1846.

Present.

The whole board, except the Chairman & Mr. Graves.

The Mayor being absent, George S. Willard, Esq. President of the Common Council presided.

The following books were referred to the committee on books, viz: Moral Law of Nations & American Polity. Dial of the seasons. District School reader. Introduction to the American Common School reader. Speaker. Primary reader. Sequel to the primary reader. Russell's spelling books. Books Ref.

A communication was rec^d from Dr. Globes - J. G. Howe, accompanied with a large globe, which he has recently procured from Germany. Read & thereupon Ordered, That the committee on books be instructed to procure a sufficient number of Kummer globes in order that each grammar school shall be supplied with one of said globes.

Ordered, That there be appointed School houses a standing committee of this board on the construction of school houses, and that a message be sent to the Common Council respectfully requesting the com^{ee} on public buildings to confer with the above com^{ee} of this board, whenever a school house is to be built or altered, upon the construction.

of the same - Mess^{rs} Curtis, Wells and Lincoln were appointed on said committee.

Books to be
furnished

Ordered, That the Secretary of this board, be and he is hereby directed to furnish to the com^{ee} on books, one set or copy of every school book used in the Boston Public Schools.

Teachers

The report of the committee, who were instructed to consider and report upon the best manner of carrying into effect the requisitions of the law concerning the examination of teachers, was called up a discussion was had upon the same, and several amendments were proposed. After which the whole subject was laid upon the table.

Lyman Sch.
burnt

The sub-committee of the Lyman School respectfully report, that on the evening of Thursday last, January 22nd the Lyman School house was burnt down, owing to the defective construction of the furnace and building. All the books, furniture and moveables of all description were destroyed. At this time the number of the list was about 480, of whom a little more than half were girls. We have obtained the refusal of two rooms; one of them known as Kitchie Hall, and the other as the vestry of the Maverick Church, upon reasonable terms; each of these two rooms will hold about 300 scholars. We have nearly completed the arrangements for the removal of the scholars to these rooms, and if the school

committee approve our plans, they will be carried into effect, without delay. We would add, that M^r Bowker has given us very valuable assistance in this exigency, & has offered to remain until the organization we have to propose is carried into effect. We offered the following Orders; and ask to be excused from the usual quarterly report. —

Ordered, That Kitchie hall, and the vestry of the Maverick Church, be engaged by the sub-committee of the Lyman school, for the scholars of that school, and that they be directed to organize the schools in the manner they shall deem best suited to existing circumstances.

Ordered, That there be chosen in the place of M^r Bowker, whenever the committee are ready to proceed to the election a master competent to instruct in the studies taught in both departments of our grammar schools.

Ordered, That the valuable services of M^r Bowker as master of the Lyman school for many years, are fully acknowledged by this board, and now that he leaves the service of the City at his own request, we carry with him our best wishes for his welfare. Read, accepted, and the orders passed.

Ordered, That the next quarterly meeting of this board be on the first Wednesday of February next, instead of the first Tuesday. And that the rules of this board be dispensed with for that purpose, three fourths of the members present agreeing to the same.

The meeting was then adjourned. Attest, E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

M.

Bowker

Quarterly meet^g

time altered

At a ^{quarterly} meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the fourth day of February, A. 1846.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs Simpson and Graves.

Bowdoin sch.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Bowdoin school be authorized to make the necessary repairs upon the philosophical apparatus of that school.

Phillips sch.
house

Ordered, That one of Espy or Allen's ventilators be placed in the Phillips school house.

Expenditure of
money

Ordered, That all orders recommending an expenditure of money of more than ten dollars shall be read on two several days.

Books in pos-
session of members

Ordered, That the committee on books be instructed to revise the list of School books furnished to the members of this board under a late order, and to report what books it is necessary to retain for the use of the members.

Ordered, That the books so retained be considered as the property of the City, and be transmitted by the members to their successors in office.

Adams sch. house

Ordered, That the standing committee on buildings of this committee be and hereby are instructed to ascertain the condition of the Adams school house, its

fitness for its purpose; its evils and their remedies, and
the necessity or expediency of a new school house, and to
confer with the proper departments of the City govern-
ment.

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The Secretary made a schedule of the
pupils and teachers in the several grammar & writing
schools, which was laid upon the table and ordered
to be printed, together with the number of seats in each
school.

Pupils & teach-
ers of

The sub-committees of the several schools
excepting the Lyman school, made their quarterly reports,
which were read and accepted.

Quarterly rept

The sub-committee of the Hancock school
reported an order, that the City Council be requested to pro-
vide a new school house for the Hancock school in a more
desirable location.

Hancock Sch.
house

The several reports of the sub-committees
respecting repairs of school houses were referred to the stand-
ing committee on building and repair of school houses.

Sch. houses
repairs of

Ordered, That Messrs. Clarke, Loring &
Brooks be a committee to consider the subject of ventilation
of the school houses under the care of this board, and to
report at a future meeting some method of remedying the
very defective manner in which it is now accomplished.

Ventilation
Sch. houses

The following motions were read and
laid on the table, viz. Ordered, that the study of

Geography study of

111. geography be transferred from the writing to the grammar departments in all our public schools, where the sub-committees of the school may so order.

Indicott Sch.

Ordered That the sub-committee of the Indicott school be authorized to procure a black board, and to build a closet for the grammar department of said school.

Schools on the examⁿ of

The board resumed the subject of the report of the sub-committee, upon the best manner of carrying into effect the requisitions of the law concerning the examination of teachers - and after discussing sundry amendments were made to the same.

The amendments adopted were ordered to be printed, as also those which were read and laid upon the table.

Books

The following books were referred to the committee on books. viz^t Bible reader; Elementary Geography; Common school speller; Companion to spelling books.

Singing book

Baker's American School singing book referred to the committee on music.

Adjourned to Thursday, the 12th instant, at four o'clock P.M. Attest.

(E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School 15.
committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall.
on Thursday, the twelfth day of February, A. D. 1846.
Present.

The whole board, except the Mayor, and Messrs Graves,
Luntis and Locke. The Mayor being absent, George S.
Mittard, Esquire, President of the Common Council pre-
sided.

Books on Anatomy & Physiology Books
and on book keeping referred to the committee on
books.

Ordered, that the sub-committee Endicott sch.
of the Endicott School be authorized to procure a
black board, and to build a closet for the grammar
department of said School. The foregoing order ^{was read} a second
time & passed.

Ordered, That the sub-committee who Persons between 4
were instructed to consider & report on the best manner &
of complying with the law for the examination of teachers, & 16. &
also consider & report to this board upon the most practi- Births.
cable plan for complying for the present year with the
1st Sect. of Chap. 17. of the acts of the Legislature of 1841,
which requires the school committee to ascertain by actual
examination or otherwise, the number of persons in the
City between the ages of four and sixteen on the first
day of May next; Also with the 2^d Sect. of Chap.
159. of the acts of 1844, which requires the school committee
annually, in the month of May, to ascertain by ^{actual} inquiry or other-
wise all the births which shall have happened in the City dur-
ing the preceding year.

16.

Franklin sch. Ordered, That Miss Caroline A. Green be transferred from the Dwight school to the Franklin school.

Lyman sch. Ordered, That the nomination by the sub committee of the Lyman school, of Miss Mary E. Grant as assistant teacher, be & the same is hereby confirmed.

Smith sch. Ordered, That the seats in the upper hall, of the Smith school, on which the claps sit, while they recite, shall be raised on a platform, so as to clear the top which is writing, above the heads of the other scholars; or such other arrangement made as will best remedy existing inconveniences. Passed, three fourths of the members present voting to dispense with the rule, for that purpose.

School books to be returned. Ordered, That the members of this board who have received the school books, by order of this board have permission to return such books.

Sch. books former vote reconsidered. Ordered, That the vote passed at the last meeting of this board, instructing the committee on books to receive the list of books furnished to the members of this board, and report what books it is necessary to retain &c. be and hereby is reconsidered.

Boylston sch. Ordered, That the committee on the construction of school houses be requested to cause such repairs to be made on the Boylston school house as its present condition requires. The above order was read, and it was

Whereupon ordered, that the Chairman of this board, 11
at this meeting be requested to communicate the same to
the Common Council, for authority to make such repairs
to said school house.

Ordered, That the committee Music
on music be authorized to effect an arrangement Teaching of
by which one half the schools shall be taught by
M^r. Mason; and one half by M^r. Baker, & that
these gentlemen be allowed to make use of their own
books in the schools so taught by them.

Ordered, That during the con- School houses.
struction or repairs of any school house, the sub-committee
of that school shall become members, or be consulted by
the standing committee of this board upon school houses.

The board took into consideration Schools-
the report of the sub-committee, who were instructed Teachers-
to consider and report upon the best manner of car-
rying into effect the requisitions of the law concerning
the examination of teachers, and the same passed as
amended, as follows, viz^t.

1. Whenever a master for the first time is to be elected
in any of the public schools, the Secretary shall give
public notice thereof, in such newspapers ~~which~~ ^{printed}
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~continuously~~ ^{continuously} of the city, for such length
of time as the board may by its order direct; and
the notice shall specify that the board will receive
applications for the office, until a day to be named therein.

2. All applications for such office, shall be made in writing and shall be lodged with the Secretary, together with any written evidence of qualifications which the candidate may wish to present, on or before the day fixed in the notice above mentioned.

3. At the meeting of the board holden next after the expiration of the notice above mentioned, all the applications and written evidence, shall be taken from the Secretary's files and referred to a sub-committee, to be composed of the sub-committee of the school in which the vacancy exists, and the members of the two wards numerically nearest to the ward in which the school is located, and they shall have interviews with the applicants, and make personal examination and inquiries as to their qualifications; the examining committee to consist of seven, and any vacancies to be filled by the chair.

4. At the meeting appointed for the examination, the sub-committees shall examine the candidates according to the direction of the Statute, and always with reference to the office that is then to be filled; and none but members of this board, the examining committee, & the candidate under examination, shall be present.

5. In case of vacancies in the Latin and English High Schools, the sub-committees shall consist of the Sub-committees of those schools, respectively, and two other members of this board, to be chosen by ballot.

6. The sub-committee shall report to the board, at some subsequent meeting, the names of all the applicants, and whether they are graduates of any college, and if

so, when graduated; and if not graduated, how & where
educated, and what has been their employment, and the
names of the persons recommending them, severally, with
their opinion of their qualifications, severally, and the board
shall then proceed to a choice by ballot. 19.

Ordered, That the Secretary give pub- Lyman Sch.
lic notice, that a vacancy exists in one of our Master.
public schools, viz: the Lyman school, in the papers
which publish the City ordinances, for one week, and
that the board will receive applications for the office,
until the twenty first day of February current.

Ordered, That Messrs Parsons, Barnes, Lyman Sch.
Clark, Simpson, Greene, Emerson and Botten be the examining com-
sub-committee to examine candidates for the Lyman
school.

On motion of M^r Skinner the follow- Examining com-
ing order was read and laid upon the table, until
the next meeting, viz: "Ordered, that the two ex-
aming committees which our rules require to be ap-
pointed annually, for the examination of the schools
shall be chosen by ballot.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

To His Honor the Mayor.

Meeting called

We have to ask you to call
a meeting of the School committee, on Tuesday after-
noon, 11 o'clock, P. M. Boston March 7th 1846.

Theophilus Parsons,
Henry G. Colgate,
N. C. Bolton,
F. Emerson,
M. C. Greene,
D. P. Simpson
J. W. Barnes.

Examining committee.

At a meeting of the School committee of
the ~~Board~~ ~~committee~~ of the City of Boston, held at City
Hall, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, A. D. 1846.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Palmer,
Graves, Curtis & Hooker.

Smith sch.

Ordered: That the large map of
Massachusetts, which costs five dollars; also that curtains
for the windows on the south side of the room, and that
a few printed tickets, all necessary for the school be furnish-
ed by the sub-committee of the Smith school.

Examining com-
report.

The committee appointed to examine
candidates for the office of master of the Lyman
school in place of Albert Bowker resigned, made their
report of such examination— which report was read by
the Chairman of said committee.

Voted

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of a 2d. master of said school. And it was voted, that a Symian Sch. majority of the whole number of the members present, Master chosen. be required to effect a choice. Messrs Brookes & Lincoln were appointed a committee to receive said, and count the votes. After four trials, no one having had a majority. On the fifth balloting, said committee reported, that the whole number of ballots was twenty two; necessary for a choice twelve;— Hosea H. Lincoln had twelve, & he was chosen.

Ordered, That the above mentioned report of the Report return^e examining committee be returned to said committee

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the twenty fourth day of April, A. D. 1846.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board, ~~of the School~~ except Messrs Streeter, Graves, Loring and Wells.

The return of the School committee, which is School return required to be made to the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was made out and signed by the members

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present, and the certificate which is required to be made under oath, was sworn to: the oath being administered by Samuel F. McLeary, a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Suffolk. The return was ordered to be made & delivered into the office of the Secretary, together with the annual report of the School committee, which was printed & distributed to the inhabitants, according to law.

Music

The committee on music, reported, that they had employed Messrs Lowell Mason & Benjamin F. Baker to teach music, in the schools, dividing the same, one half to each.

Vacation

Ordered, That the thirtieth day of April instant, be a vacation in the Latin, English High and grammar and writing schools, on account of the inauguration of the President of Harvard College.

Tuancy

Ordered, That Messrs Parsons, Betton, Curtis, F. Emerson and Allen, be a committee, to consider and report upon the subject of truancy in the schools. And the motion made upon that subject requiring the masters in the grammar schools, and the teachers in the primary schools, to report to the committee of the schools, the names of all the children of their schools who play truant, and do not regularly attend school; and also the names of their parents, that they may be proceeded against, according to law? And also requiring such order to be ~~read~~ publicly read in each school.

Dwight sch.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the

Dwight^{School} be authorized to procure such out line maps & philosophical apparatus as are usually allowed to each grammar school, for said Dwight School.

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Ordered, That the commit-^{Ventilation}tee on ventilation, be authorized to ventilate, as a matter of experiment, any three of the school houses; and in such manner as they shall deem expedient.

The sub-committee of the Mayhew Sch.
Mayhew School, reported, that leave of absence for three months has been granted by them to Miss Elizabeth L. West, an instructor in said school, on account of ill health, & recommended that an appropriation be made by the board to defray the expense of providing a substitute, for which purpose they submit the sub-joined order *viz*. Ordered, That a special appropriation of seventy five dollars be made for the purpose of defraying the expense of providing a substitute for Miss E. L. West, an instructor in the Mayhew school, who has leave of absence for three months, from the 21st of April 1846.

Read, accepted, & the order passed.

The three last above written orders passed, the rules being dispensed with, three fourths of the members present voting for the same.

Ordered, That the study of geog-^{Geography}raphy be transferred from the writing to the grammar department, in all the public schools, after the August vacation.

Petition of William Fowle, Father, Fowle =
to have a new school established in the Dwight school house Dwight Sch.

21. for girls. And thereupon ordered, that on the first of May, all the scholars of the Franklin school, with the exception of the first class, being south of a line to be fixed upon by the sub-committees of said school and the Dwight school, be transferred to the latter school and be placed under the charge of female teachers, in the lower room.

Schools - afternoon
Session

The following order was moved, and laid upon the table, viz^d. Ordered, that after the spring vacation the hours of opening the grammar and writing schools in the afternoon, until otherwise ordered, be three o'clock.

Books.

The following books were referred to the committee on books. viz^d. Natural Philosophy, by A. A. Lincoln Phelps. The Dial of the seasons, or a portraiture of nature, by Thomas Fisher - Also the communications from William Russell - and J. M. Scribner.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the
School committee of the City of Boston, held at City
Hall, on Tuesday the fifth day of May, A. D. 1846.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole Board, except Messrs.
Allen, Graves, Parsons, Loring, Wells, & Skinner.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of the several schools, which reports were
accepted.

The sub-committee of the Lyman School
nominated Francis L. Prescott assistant teacher in the girls
department, and Sarah S. French, in the boys department,
which nominations were confirmed, & they were appointed
accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Hancock School
reported, that the master of the writing department,
Mr. Mackintosh, has been absent on account of sick-
ness, since the 28th day of February, last; but he is
now convalescent, and there are good grounds for hoping
that he will be able to return to his duties, at the
end of the next June vacation. The writing department
in the mean time is under the charge of Miss Catherine
W. Snelling, who has been a teacher in this room, during
the last seven or eight years, & who is deserving great credit
for the superior manner in which she has managed this
department in the absence of the master, and your committee
believe it to be a duty to ask, that she be paid the usu-
al salary of an M^{str}, for and during the time she may

26. Thus have charge of this half of the school. The order in this room, and the progress which the pupils appear to have made in their studies during the last quarter in this department as well as in the other department were highly satisfactory. Your committee procured the services of Miss Helen M. Johnson, who entered upon her duties as a temporary teacher in this school, the 20.th day of March last, and do recommend the passage of the subjoined orders.

Ordered, That Miss Catharine W. Snelling, be paid at the rate of six hundred dollars, per annum, instead of her usual salary, from the 28.th day of February last, for and during such term of time as she may have had charge of the writing department of the Hancock School.

Ordered, That Miss Helen M. Johnson be paid the usual salary of a female teacher, from the 20.th day of March, last, for and during such time as her services may be required, as a temporary teacher in the Hancock School.

Read, accepted, and the orders passed.

Mayhew
School.

The sub-committee of the Mayhew School reported an order that additional philosophical apparatus be provided for the said school, similar to that furnished for the other grammar schools. This order was read, and laid upon the table.

Otis
School.

The sub-committee of the Otis School, reported, that in consequence of the appointment of Mr. Metcalf to be principal of the High School at Worcester, a vacancy occurs, and the sub-committee nominated as usher, W.

Joshua R. Lathrop, which nomination was confirmed 27.
and he was appointed accordingly.

Ordered, That a map of the United States, be purchased and placed in the Smith school house. Smith sch.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of truancy, in our schools, made a report which was read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed. Truancy in Schools

C. List's communication in behalf of Thomas, Lowperthwait, recommending certain books published by them. Also a communication from David B. Tower, offering for the consideration of the School committee, "Intellectual Algebra and gradual speller". Which communication and books were referred to the committee on books. Books

Communications were received from the Rev. Sch. com.
Messrs. A. Skinner of ward 11, and Rev. E. M. F. Wells, of ward 8, resigning their office as members of this board, which were read, and ordered to be communicated to the board of Mayor and Aldermen. Members resign.

Ordered, That after the spring vacation, the hour of opening the Latin, English, High, grammar and writing schools, in the afternoon, be three o'clock, until otherwise ordered. Schools - in afternoon.

This order was read and referred to Messrs Adams, Willard & Palmer, to consider & report.

Grammar sch.^s Ordered, That Mess^{rs} Loring, Curtis & Allen, be a committee to make the annual examination of the grammar schools, & report thereon.

Writing sch.^s Ordered, That Mess^{rs} Brooks, Lincoln and Greene, be a committee to make the annual examination of the writing schools, & report thereon.

School houses Ordered, That the committee on School houses be instructed to consider and report upon the duties and powers of this board, in relation to furnishing ample and convenient buildings for the accommodation of the schools under its care.

App^s & maps. Ordered, That Mess^{rs} Emerson, Simpson and Lincoln, be a committee to inquire and report, to what extent the schools are now supplied with apparatus & maps; and also to report what amount of apparatus ought to be uniformly appropriated to the several schools.

App^{rs} of money Ordered, That the rule requiring that all orders appropriating a sum of money larger than ten dollars, shall be read twice, at two successive meetings of the board, be, and the same hereby is, repealed.
This motion was read & laid upon the table.

Adams School. Ordered, That the usual compensation be allowed, to Miss Sprague, teacher, in the Adams school, from the third of May vacation, in the place of Miss Brigham, who on account of ill health, & by the advice of Physicians, has had leave of absence from April 27th to the vacation.

In consequence of the resignation of Miss
Emory of the Boylston School, the sub-committee of that
school nominated Miss ^{Mary Ann} Harris, as teacher in that school.
Which nomination was confirmed, and she was appointed
accordingly.

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Boylston
Sch.

The meeting was then adjourned, to meet
at this place on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of May
instant, at four o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday
the nineteenth day of May, A. D. 1846.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs
Barnes, Allen, Palmer, Graves, Betton, Sharpe, Hoit.

The order requiring that all orders ap- Rule recom-
propriating a sum of money larger than ten dollars shall
be read twice, at two successive meetings, of the board, be
repealed, was taken from the table and passed.

Ordered, That all orders recom- Expenditure of
mending an expenditure of money of more than seventy money
five dollars, shall be read on two several days.

Johnson sch.
Teacher

Ordered, That a special appropriation of twenty five dollars, be made to pay for a substitute of Miss Stoddard, an assistant teacher in the Johnson school, who has been absent from ill health, and her place supplied by said substitute.

Schools - afternoon

Session

The committee on the subject of altering the time of keeping the schools in the afternoon were discharged at their own request, from any further consideration of that subject.

Teachers -
pay

Ordered, That the salaries of the teachers in the grammar schools after the August vacation be fixed at eight hundred dollars per annum. This motion was laid upon the table.

Births &c.

return of

Ordered, That Messrs. Curtis, Parsons and Emerson, be a committee to confer with a committee of the board of Aldermen in regard to the duties required of the city government, by Chap. 159, of the statutes of 1844, on the subject of the return of births; with power to ascertain facts necessary to enable the school committee to make the returns required by law.

Truancy.

The subject of the report of the committee to whom was referred the subject of truancy in our schools, several amendments were made to the orders which were reported by said committee, and the same were passed as follows - viz.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the several masters of the grammar and writing ~~schools~~ departments of the grammar schools, report to the Mayor of the City, in the months of May and December of each year, the names of the children belonging to each school. 31.

Ordered, That the several masters of the grammar and writing ~~schools~~ departments of the grammar schools report to the Mayor, on the first Monday of each month, beginning with June next, whether there be in the school under their care, any children who are incorrigibly stubborn or habitually truant; and if so, their names; and their residences and the names of their parents when known.

Ordered, That this and the two preceding orders, together with the third section of the "act concerning Juvenile Offenders in the City of Boston," be printed in large letters and conspicuously posted in each grammar school; and that the same be read to the assembled scholars by the masters, on the first Monday of each month.

Ordered, That the committee on truancy be instructed to consider and report whether any, and what new schools, or changes in the terms of admission or in the studies in existing schools may be necessary to meet the wants to which the existing arrangements are inadequate; and if any further and what Legislation on the subject is required?

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary, Secretary,

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the fifth day of June, A. D. 1846.

Presents

The Chairman and the whole board except Messrs. Willard, Allen, Palmer, Graves, Emerson, Parsons, Soring & Brigham.

Adams Sch.

House.

Mr. Curtis exhibited a plan for the Adams school house. Thereupon ordered, that the same be referred to the committee on the construction of school houses, to which was added the subcommittee of the Adams school. Mr. Curtis at his own request was excused from saying on this subject.

Ward No. 11.

member Sch. Com.

Chosen

William Brigham, Esquire having been elected a member of the school committee from ward 11, in place of the Rev. Ellis A. Skinner resigned. Mr. Brigham was nominated and appointed to take the place of Mr. Skinner on the several committees of which he was a member.

Mather School.

The sub-committee of the Mather school, reported that a part of the school yard has been taken for a passage way to the watch house recently erected by the City on an adjoining lot of land; that this loss may be in part compensated for by the removal of the old house to a vacant piece of land in rear of said Watchhouse, as well as being the means of removing it from its present unfortunate proximity to the school rooms. They also report, that the fence on the front of said school house yard is so low, that many unruly persons are found to pass over it, into said yard, &

some damage has been done thereby; and they ask the passage of the following order. For the com^{ee} Allan Simonds. Chairman. 33.

Ordered, That the committee on public buildings, through the Chairman of this board be requested to consider the propriety of removing the easterly outhouse at the Mather school house to the rear of its present position; and also of raising the fence of the front yard at said school house.

Read, accepted, & the order passed.

The sub committee of the Bowdoin school, reported, that after examining thirteen individuals as to their qualifications for the office of assistant teacher, and after having conferred with the master they elected by nomination Miss Elisabeth Prince Snow. Accepted and she was elected accordingly. Bowdoin sch. ap^t: teacher

Resolved, That when special meetings of the school committee are called they be on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons. Special meetings

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

(E. M. Cleary)
Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourth day of August, Anno Domini, 1846.

Present

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs Lord Graves and Brooks.

Semi annual
returns

The semi annual returns were made & received from all the schools, except the Smith school, and the Secretary made a schedule of those returned.

Quarterly
reports.

The sub committees of the several schools made their quarterly reports, except the English High school, which were read and accepted. The sub committee of the English High school asked for further time to make their report, which was granted.

Brimmer sch.
Mshers

The sub committee of the Brimmer school reported, that on the 16th of last March Mr. John Butler was elected Msher in the grammar department of said school, they therefore submitted the following order, to the board— Ordered, that the appointment of Mr. John Butler, as Msher in the grammar department of the Brimmer school be confirmed, by this board.
Read, accepted, and the order passed.

Writing schools
annual report.

The committee appointed to make the annual examination of the several writing schools, made their

report, which was read, and laid upon the table 35.

The committee appointed to make the Grammar School annual examination of the several grammar schools and annual R^t report, asked for further time, to make their report, which request was granted.

The following books were referred to Books
the Book committee, viz: A grammar of the English Language, by W. H. Wells. -

Mitchell's School geography and Atlas.

Ordered, That the salary of M^r Latin School
E. S. Dixwell, master of the Latin School be twenty masters salary
four hundred dollars, per annum, hence forward.

Ordered, That the salary of the Eng. High Sch.
Principal master of the English High School be twenty masters salary
four hundred dollars, per annum.

Adjourned to Tuesday next four o'clock.

P. M.

Attest.

(F. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of August, A. D. 1846.

Present:

The Chairman, and the whole board except Mess^{rs} Streeter, Graves, Bolton, Brooks and Lord.

Smith school.

The semi annual report was received from the Master of the Smith school, and the Secretary completed the schedule.

Eng. High Sch.

The sub-committee of the English High School, reported, that M^r. Williams, the usher in said school has requested the sub-committee to take into consideration, the state of his salary, and they have found the facts to be, that M^r. Williams has been nine years in his present situation; and that for the last six years, his salary has been one thousand dollars; said committee refer to a report made by the sub-committee in 1840, dated Aug^r. 14th on file, to show the estimation in which M^r. Williams was then held. Since that time his usefulness has increased greatly, and the sub-committee believe his services to be of far greater value to the City, than the salary would ~~xxx~~ indicate. Said committee know of no reason why the salary of M^r. Williams should not be equal to that of M^r. Robinson, both of them being faithful, highly accomplished, and experienced teachers performing about the same amount of duty. They deem it quite certain, that M^r. Williams's place, could not be

supplied for the sum of One Thousand dollars, if he 37.
should leave the school. This however he has no inten-
tion to do, as said committee are informed. Upon the
ground that Mr. Williams ought to be paid a fair and
just compensation for his services, said committee recom-
mend that his salary be henceforth, the sum of fifteen
hundred dollars, per annum; and that the officers here-
tofore designated as sub master and usher in the Eng-
lish High School be henceforth called and known as the
first and second sub masters of the English High School.

Read and laid upon the table.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cook, the order Ushers' Salaries
increasing the salaries of the ushers, from six hundred dollars
to eight hundred dollars per annum, to commence, after the
August vacation was taken from the table, Mr. Brigham
moved to amend the same, by striking out, ^{all} after the
word "Ordered" and inserting in lieu thereof, "That the
places now occupied by ushers, be filled with female
teachers; whose salaries shall be four hundred dollars,
each, per annum." On motion of Mr. Loring, the whole
subject was laid upon the table.

The committee to whom was referred the Music
subject of music, reported, That in March last, the
committee after much deliberation, decided to divide
the grammar schools into two sections; the one to be in-
structed by Mr. B. F. Baker, and the other by Mr. Lowell
Mason. These gentlemen in the best spirit, acceded,

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to the arrangement, and entered on their duties with their accustomed zeal. The committee think the plan the best one that can be adopted; as it brings two accomplished teachers to do their very utmost in their favorite science; and accordingly recommend the continuance of the arrangement, and the re-election of the present incumbents. The committee also expressed the hope, that the plan may be continued undisturbed a sufficient length of time to give the experiment a fair trial. Read and accepted.

Primary Sch.
Com. of Conf.

Ordered, That the committee to confer with the primary school committee be instructed to confer on the subject of changing the time for the general annual transfer of children to the grammar schools, from the month of May, to the month of September.

Primary Sch.

W. Simonds, at his own request, was excused from serving on the committee to confer with the primary school committee, and W. Cook was appointed in his place.

Grammar Sch.

Reader

The committee on books, recommended the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the use of the "Grammar School Reader," in the grammar schools be henceforward discontinued; and the "Sequel to the American Popular Lessons" be substituted in its place. Read and accepted and the order passed.

Ordered, That Tower's Intellectual Cal-

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gebra, be introduced into the writing department of the grammar schools, to be used at the discretion of the several masters.

Tower's Algebra.

The committee on books to whom Algebra was referred, the "Common School Algebra" by Thomas Sherwin, Principal of the English High School, ask leave to submit the following report:— Your committee have examined the work above referred to, with considerable care and attention, and have compared it with the works by M^r. Ebenezer Bailey, and Professor Dane's, and after such examination and comparison, they have formed the opinion that M^r. Sherwin's Algebra is decidedly preferable to any other elementary text book upon the same subject, that has come within their knowledge. One great excellency of this work consists in the clearness of ~~the~~ ^{the} with which all the principles of equations are explained and illustrated in the first part of the book, a perfect understanding and comprehension of which principles by beginners, your committee deem to be vitally essential to the successful prosecution of the study of Algebra. In this part of his work M^r. Sherwin has been eminently successful, and in the particular above referred to, it is believed that his book far surpasses the other Algebraic text books now in common use. Your committee are also of opinion that M^r. Sherwin has improved upon the other books above referred to, in the main body of his work, inasmuch as he has incorporated more judiciously than other authors, the inductive & synthetic methods of treat-

Algebra.

Sherwin's.

ing his subject, explaining some things, and leaving others to be wrought out, by the student, without taxing to excess his power of thought and discovery. Your committee, therefore, recommend the introduction of Mr. Sherwin's common school Algebra into the writing department of the grammar schools; and they are strengthened in their desire to introduce this work, by the fact which has come to their knowledge, that one or more of the masters in the schools have used the work in manuscript, and found that they could teach by it more understandingly, than by other works. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following order.

Ordered, That hereafter classes in the grammar schools commencing the study of Algebra, shall use as a text book on this subject the "Common School Algebra" by Thomas Sherwin. Read, accepted & the order passed.

Masters - on
election of.

The board resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the subject of the election of masters of the several schools, for the year ensuing. & on motion ordered, that the session be a secret one. Mr. Hillard in the chair. After the Chairman had of the School committee had resumed the chair, the committee of the whole by its chairman reported that they had attended to the subject matter submitted to it, and the committee of the whole recommended that said committee be discharged, and the general committee proceed forthwith to the election of masters.

Which report was accepted. Adjourned to Thursday next.
4 o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on ~~Friday~~ the Thursday, the thirteenth day, of August, Anno Domini, 1846. Present.

The Chairman and the whole board, except Messrs. Barnes, Brooks, Lord Huntis.

Mr. Simonds moved, that the vote of Grammar Sch. this board passed the eleventh instant, "that the use of the 'Grammar School Reader' in the grammar schools be henceforward discontinued; and the 'Sequel to the American Popular Lessons' be substituted in its place;" be reconsidered, ~~which motion prevailed~~. A motion was made that the subject be laid upon the table, which motion prevailed, & the same was laid upon the table accordingly.

* stricken out
see page 46.

Mr. Wells moved, that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of the school medals, and report on the possibility of dispensing with said medals, or if this cannot be done, on the expediency of so remodeling the mode of dispensing them so as to prevent the very great present existing evils. This motion was laid upon the table.

The subject of increasing the salary of Mr. Williams, master of the English High School, was taken up together with the substitute, and the same was amended, and passed as follows, viz: Resolved, that the salary of the first master of the Latin school, and that of the first master of the English High School, shall be seven hundred

Williams.
Eng. high Sch.

42. dollars for the first year of service; and shall be increased one hundred dollars for each successive year's service, until the same shall become twelve hundred dollars per annum. And that this resolve shall take effect in the case of the present incumbents.

Bowdoin Sch.

Ordered, That the committee of the Bowdoin school provide a suitable case for the Philosophical apparatus in said school.

Masters
chosen

Resolved, That in the election of masters, the doors be closed. And that no person be elected master of any school who shall not receive at least fourteen votes, being a majority of the whole committee. Dr. Palmer & Mr. Lincoln, were appointed a com^{tee} to receive, sort & count the votes for masters. The ballots being taken in each individual case, it appeared that the following gentlemen were chosen.

Each of them having the requisite number of votes - viz:

Latin School	Epes Sargent Dixwell.	Master?
English High	Thomas Sherwin	"
Lyman	Nosea W. Lincoln	"
Eliot	Edwin Wright.	G. Levi Conant, - W.
Mancock	W ^m J. Adams	Peter Mackintosh, Jr. "
Endicott	Geo. Allen, jr.	Loring Lotthrop "
Mayhew	W ^m D. Swan	J. D. Philbrick "
Bowdoin	Abraham Andrews	James Robinson "
Boylston	Thomas Baker	Chas ^s Kimball "
Adams	Samuel Barrett	(writing master not chosen) "
Franklin	Barnum Field	Nathan Merrill "

Wells school.	Cornelius Walker.	G. Reuben Swan, jr.	W.	43.
Hawes	"	Fred ^l Crafts	"	John A. Harris.
Mather	"	Josiah A. Stearns	"	Jon ^d Battles, jr.
Johnson	"	Rich ^d G. Parker	"	Joseph Hale,
Winthrop	"	Henry Williams, Jr.	"	Samuel L. Gould
Brimmer	"	Joshua Bates, Jr.	"	Wm A. Shepard
Phillips	"	Samuel S. Green	"	Samuel Swan
Otis	"	Isaac F. Shepard	"	Benj ^d Drew, jr.
Dwight	"	George B. Hyde,	Master.	
Smith	"	Ambrose Wellington	"	

All the incumbents as above being re-Masters one elected, except Robert W. Wright, writing master of the Adams vacancy. school, he not having received the number of votes required said office was declared ^{to be} vacant.

Resolved, that so much of the rule which Rule suspended requires, that public notice be given, be suspended.

Resolved that the board now proceed to Adams Sch. the election to fill the vacancy in the Adams school, from the master chosen. persons who have already been examined, as writing master. And the votes being taken, it appeared that Samuel W. Bates had the requisite number of ballots, & he was chosen.

The sub-committee of the several schools Mshers & made the following nominations of masters and assistant teachers app^d teachers in the several schools hereafter named, and the board confirmed the same, and they were appointed accordingly, viz:

Latin school Francis Gardner, sub master, Timothy D. Chamblain, Msher. Jonathan Snelling, teacher of writing.

English High school - Luther Robinson, sub master - Francis
 S. Williams and Samuel M. Weston, ushers. Lyman, sch.
 Aaron L. Ordway, usher. Assistants, Mary Atterton, Julia
 M. Wiggins, Mary E. Grant, ^{Frances L. Prescott, Sarah E. French}, and Eliza S. Pierce. Eliot
 sch. Assistants, Caroline W. Carter, Hannah Daman, Elizabeth
 Skinner, Lydia F. Pool, Anne S. Carter, and Eliza S. Felt.
Manassah sch. ^{Adeline Howe}, Henrietta L. Pierce, Catherine W.
 Snelling, Julia L. Gale, Sarah A. Dyke, and Sarah E. White.
Endicott, sch. Assistants, Mary A. Torrin, Angeline A. Brigham,
^{Caroline M. Keith, M. P. Colebrook}, Ann M. Wight, and Malvina H. Brigham. Mayhew sch.
^{Winslow} ^{Battles} ^{Harvey Jewell} ushers; assistants Mary J. Walker and Eliza
 L. West. Bowdoin, sch. Assistants, Mary A. Murdock,
 Rebecca Lincoln, Caroline E. Andrews, Mary S. Robinson,
 Sarah D. Adams, Eliza B. Mitchell, and Elizabeth P. Snow.
Boylston sch. Henry Scaver, usher assistants, Catherine H.
 Grover, Clarinda R. F. Treadwell, Matilda Oliver, Susan L.
 M. Jones, and Mary A. Harris. Adams sch. Ira Cheever
~~and Joel Brown~~, ushers. Assistants, Mary S. Brigham
 and Mary E. Beck. Franklin sch. assistants Hannah S. Tirrell,
 Sarah Ann Gale, Catherine T. Simmons, S. A. M. Cushing,
 Lucy M. Beck, and Caroline A. Green. Wells sch. Wm. H.
 Swan, usher, Assistants - Matilda A. Gerry, Caroline F. Housley,
 Francis A. Collins, and Adeline F. Dinsmore. Hawes sch.
 Charles A. Morrill, usher, assistants, Julia M. Baxter, Mary
 E. Clark, ^{Mary W. Simmons}, and Mary Ann Burnham. Mathew sch.
 Levi Dodge, usher, Assistants Mary A. Moody, Lucy Floyd,
 Rebecca A. Chipman, and Ann J. Drake. Johnson sch.
 Assistants - Rebecca P. Barry, Martha E. Towne, Emma J.
 Knapp, Mary H. Stoddard, Helen E. Vans, and Mary Jane Dauspeth.

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Winthrop sch. Charles E. Valentine, usher, assistants,
Harriet D. Williams, E. W. Shelton, Olive E. Reynolds,
Frances M. Oliver and Mary C. Weed.
Brimmer sch. John Butler, and Percival W. Bartlett,
ushers, assistants, Abba F. Goodridge, and Mary A. Collier.
Phillips sch. Amphion Gates and John M. Colcord, us-
hers, assistants, Ellen M. Coolidge and Sarah H. Emerson.
Otis sch. Joshua R. Lathrop, usher, assistants, S. W.
J. Copeland, Harriet N. Decker, Emeline French & C. S.
Palmer.
Dwight sch. James A. Page, usher, assistants,
Francis A. Tyler, Caroline G. Woodman, Clarissa Belknap &
Mary F. Richards.
Smith sch. assistants, Chloe
A. Lee and Julia A. Smith.

Ordered: That the two gentlemen Lyman sch.
having charge of the Lyman school, be paid the usual
salary of masters, from the time at which they took
charge of their respective departments.

Ordered: That the salaries of the Salaries
Masters, ushers and female assistants, with the exception
of changes recently made, be the same as last year.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.

C. B. McElary,

Secretary.

A special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday, the twenty fourth day of September, Anno Domini, 1846.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board of School committee, except Messrs Clark, Palmer, Graves, Brooks, Lord, & Cooke.

Records amended.

Hawes Sch.

The record of proceedings of the last meeting was read. A motion was made to amend the record of the last meeting, by striking out the name of "Mary W. Symmes" from the list of assistant teachers of the Hawes school, which was inserted by mistake; Miss Symmes not having been chosen, as therein declared; which motion prevailed, and the record was amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Hawes school be requested to employ Miss Symmes as an assistant teacher of the Hawes school, until a new nomination and election shall be made.

Record amended.

Gram. Sch. reader

Sequel to American

popular lessons

A motion was made further to amend the record of the proceedings of the last meeting, by striking out the words "which motion prevailed," after the word "reconsidered" from the motion made by Mr. Simonds "that the use of the grammar school reader in the grammar schools, be henceforth discontinued; and the "Sequel to the American popular lessons" be substituted in its place" be reconsidered; which motion to amend the record prevailed, and the record was amended

ed accordingly, the said words having been inserted by mistake. The motion to reconsider was taken from the table, amended and passed, as follows viz: "Ordered, that the use of the grammar school reader, in the grammar schools be henceforward discontinued, and the "Sequel to the American popular lessons" be substituted in its place, in the second class of the grammar schools, only."

A book entitled Arithmetic, mental and Arithmetic written, by Frederick A. Adams. Referred to the committee on books.

Memorial of Amos Lawrence, and others, Lawrence that a more appropriate site, may be obtained for the Adams Sch. Adams school house, than the present location. Read and House thereupon ordered, that the Mayor be requested to lay before the City Council, the memorial of Amos Lawrence, & others, on the subject of the Adams school house, and to convey to the Council, the earnest recommendation of this committee, that a more appropriate site should be obtained for that building, than the one now contemplated.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty seven Latin Sch. dollars be paid to John P. Reynolds, for services as assistant in the Latin school, from June 8th to June 20. 1846.

Ordered, That Miss Eunice L. Heard, Winthrop Sch. be paid for three months services as an assistant teacher in the Winthrop school, in the place of Miss Williams, absent from illness.

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Adams sch.

Ordered, That a quarterly salary be paid to Mr Robert W. Wright, late writing master of the Adams school.

The meeting was then adjourned to Tuesday the sixth day of October next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest.

(E. M. Cleary.)

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the sixth day of October, A. D. 1846.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board of Aldermen, except Messrs Willard, Clark, Allen, Graves, Sharp, Parsons Adams, & Brigham.

The following were read and laid upon the table viz.

Underhill

An order to pay Miss Underhill, fifty dollars, for services rendered, in preparing questions and copying for the annual examining committee, and in looking over and clarifying the written answers proposed to the pupils in the writing department of the public schools &c.

Smith sch.

An order instructing the sub committee of the Smith school to cause to be repaired the apparatus in said school, at an expense not exceeding seventy five dollars.

An order instructing the sub committees of the
several schools to provide out line maps for the schools
which have not already ^{been} furnished with them.

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Out line maps

Mr. Lincoln from the committee on
the subject of furnishing the schools with out line
maps, ^{philological apparatus} reported, that the expense would amount to
\$3000, and the committee asked to be discharged
from the further consideration of the subject. Accepted,
and said committee was discharged accordingly.

Grammar dept.

Mr. Loring from the annual ex-
amining committee of the grammar department of the
several schools, made a report, which was read, laid
on the table, and ordered to be printed, for the use
of the members of this board.

Ordered, that the annual report writing dept.
of the writing department of the several schools, be
printed for the use of the members of this board, the
former report for the acceptance and printing said
report be reconsidered.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.

E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the ~~the~~ School committee of the City of Boston, held at City hall, on Tuesday the third day of November, 1846.

Present. -

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs Willard, Barnes, Graves & Cooks.

Quarterly reports.

The sub-committees of the several schools, except the English high ^{& Hancock} schools, made their quarterly reports, which were read & accepted.

Underhill

An order to pay Miss Underhill fifty dollars, for services rendered in preparing questions, & copying, for the annual examining committee, and in looking over & classifying the written answers proposed to the pupils in the writing department of the public schools - Read a second time & passed.

Smith Sch.

An order instructing the sub-committee of the Smith school to cause to be repaired the apparatus in said school, at an expense not exceeding seventy five dollars. Read a second time & passed.

Outline maps.

An order instructing the sub-committees of the several schools to provide out-line maps for such schools as have not already been furnished with them. Read a second time & passed.

Adults - Sch. for

Mr. Parsons offered a preamble with an order, providing for the establishment of schools for Adults. Read

and laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed 51.
for the use of the members of this board.

The sub-committee of the Lyman School Lyman Sch.
made a report recommending the following orders. viz^t

Ordered, That the Lyman school be organized into
two distinct schools; one to be known as the Lyman
school for boys; and the other as the Lyman school for girls;
and that both of these shall be under the charge of the
sub-committee of the Lyman school.

Ordered, That Mr. Lincoln be continued as the master
of the Lyman school for boys, during the remainder of the
year, for which he was elected.

Ordered, That a master be chosen for the Lyman
school for girls, in the manner required by the rules of
this committee. Read & laid upon the table.

Mr. Curtis offered the following order viz^t Endicott Sch.

Ordered, That the Endicott school be made a school
for girls; and that the boys now attending that school
be distributed among this and the Mayhew schools.

Read and referred to the sub-committees of the Endicott,
Otis, Mayhew & Eliot schools, to consider & report.

The nomination of Miss Hannah Maria Manning Hawes Sch.
as an assistant teacher in the Hawes school was laid on the table.

An order to furnish the Winthrop school with Winthrop
additional Philosophical apparatus, was laid upon the table.

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Primary sch.

The committee to confer with the committee of the primary schools, report, that after consultation between the delegates of the two boards, it was determined that the delegation from the primary board should propose to that board, such changes in the times for examining the children of the primary schools and transferring them to the grammar schools, as shall establish the two principal seasons of transfer to be in September and April.
Read and accepted.

Bowdoin sch.

Ordered, That the sub-committee on the Bowdoin school provide suitable maps for the lower room of that school.

Smith sch.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Smith school be authorized to introduce into that school such class books as they deem most fit for the pupils in that school.

Worcester's Dictionary

Ordered, That the committee on books, be instructed to consider the expediency of furnishing Worcester's dictionary, for the use of the masters in the schools.

German Globes

Ordered, That the committee on books be and they hereby are directed to procure German Globes similar to that exhibited, for the use of the common schools.

Whitney

Ordered, That the sum of forty dollars & thirty two cents, be paid Miss Katharine Whitney, for seven weeks service as a substitute in the Dwight school, during the sickness of Miss Tyler.

Ordered. That the sub-committee on the 53.
Latin School procure for the same, a table, a clock, a Latin sch.
Thermometer, a set of maps, and a set of Historical
Charts.

The meeting was then adjourned to
Wednesday the 18th day of November instant, at four o'
clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the School committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday,
the eighteenth day of November, A. D. 1846.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board except Mess^{rs}
Green, Graves, and Adams.

The sub-committee of the Hancock School Quarterly rep^t.
made their quarterly report, which was read & accepted.

The annual reports of the committees on Annual rep^t.
the grammar and writing schools were accepted, and
ordered to be distributed, agreeably to the standing vote
upon those subjects.

Ordered, that the regulations of the Latin Sch.
Latin grammar school be amended, by striking out section
on "Fifth," and inserting in its stead sections "Third," and
"Fifth" of the regulations of the English High School. The
inserted sections to be numbered "Fourth" and "Fifth" & the

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following sections to be numbered accordingly. The regulations so amended are as follows viz:

"Sect. 5. No boy shall be admitted as a member of this school, under the age of twelve years; and the master shall require of every candidate for admission, previously to examination, a certificate from his parents or guardian, that he is of the age required."

"Sect. 6. Candidates for admission shall produce from the masters of the schools they last attended, certificates of good moral character and presumed qualifications for admission into the school. It shall however be the duty of the master to examine them in spelling, reading, writing, English grammar, modern geography and arithmetic, of which a thorough knowledge shall be indispensable to admission."

The foregoing alterations were accepted and passed, three fourths of the members present voting for the same.

Dwight Sch.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Dwight school be authorized to employ an additional female assistant in the girls department, there being upon the list 131 pupils.

Hawes Sch.
female teacher

The subject of the confirmation of the nomination of Miss Hannah Maria Manning, as assistant teacher in the Hawes school, was taken from the table & considered. And the question being on confirming said nomination. Mr. Curtis read a statement of facts in relation to Miss Symmes, the present teacher of said school, which statement was placed on file. A motion was made that the subject be indefinitely postponed, and the same was

decided in the negative; nine, for them against the same. On the question of confirming said nomination the yeas and nays being required were taken as follows, viz: ^{yeas} Messrs. Streater, Clark, Barnes, Allen, Simpson, Palmer, Emerson, Sharp, Coit, Simonds and Cook - 11. Nays Messrs. Parsons, Brooks, Loring, Curtis, Lincoln, Brigham, and Barry - 7. W. Willard was excused from voting, at his own request. So said nomination was confirmed, and she was appointed accordingly.

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Ordered, That there be paid to Miss Symmes Symmes, a quarter's salary, from the first day of October last, as assistant teacher in the Hawes school.

Ordered, That forty dollars be paid to Miss Susan D. Colton, for seven weeks services in the (Boylston) school, in place of Miss Susan Jones, one of the assistants, while absent from the school on account of sickness.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of this board, to consider the expediency of changing the Endicott school from a mixed to one exclusively for girls, respectfully Report, That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and come to the conclusion, that it is inexpedient at the present time, to change the existing organization of said school. The grounds upon which they have arrived at this conclusion are the following. There is not a sufficient number of vacant seats to accommodate the males of this school, within a reasonable distance from their

Endicott Sch.

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places of residence; and even could the boys be conveniently disposed of, there are not females enough, within a suitable distance from the Endicott school, not already provided with seats, to make up a complement for a school exclusively for girls. Your committee are, moreover, of the opinion, that such a transfer of pupils from the Endicott, to the Hancock & Mayhew schools, may be made, as will ease it to get along with the remainder, without much inconvenience.

It is therefore recommended, that such a transfer be forthwith made, under the direction of the sub-committee of said schools. Respectfully submitted by S. Streeter, for Com: Read, accepted Ordered accordingly.

Lyman Sch.

The orders for re-organizing the Lyman school, which were laid on the table at the last meeting of this board, and recorded page 51. The said orders were taken up, read and accepted.

Grammar Sch.

Reader R.

Ordered: That the use of the "Grammar School reader", in the grammar schools be henceforward discontinued in the second class only, and the "Sequel to the American popular lessons" be substituted in its place.

Primary Sch.

Resolved, That the children coming from the primary school, to the grammar schools, and bringing a certificate of the requisite qualifications from a member of the primary school committee, shall not be rejected on account of want of qualifications; unless the rejection shall be sanctioned by the sub-committee of the grammar school to

which application for admission shall be made. — 57.
Read and laid upon the table.

Adjourned to Wednesday, the second day of Dec:
next, four o'clock, P. M.

Attest, (B. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of
the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday,
the second day of December, A. D. 1846.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messieurs
Graves and Wells.

A communication was received from Symmes
Mary W. Symmes, a former assistant teacher in the Hawes
School, praying that a committee be appointed to investigate
the various charges which she alleges have been made against
her, as a teacher of said school, and the reason of her re-
moval from the same. Read and referred to Messrs. Botton,
Wells and Green.

The subcommittee on the examination of Lyman Sch.
candidates for master for the Lyman school for girls, reported Master.
of such candidates as have been examined. The board then
voted to proceed by ballot, to the choice of master of said
school. W. Lincoln was appointed to receive, sort & count
the votes. The ballots being taken, the committee reported,
that the whole number was twenty two. Aaron L. Ordway
had twenty, he was chosen.

Adults —
Sch. for

The subject of schools for Adults, having come before the consideration of this committee, it is the opinion of the committee that such schools are much wanted; that they would be of great use to many persons; and that they may be established and conducted at a very moderate expense. It is therefore Ordered, That his honor the Mayor, and the President of the Common Council, be requested to communicate the foregoing to both branches of the City Council government, and ask their consent and authority for the establishment of such schools. The foregoing preamble and order were taken from the table, and passed by a unanimous vote.

Grammar Sch.

Ordered, That from and after the next alteration of the August vacation, the following modification shall be made in the organization of the grammar schools, — to wit:

The system of departments, with two masters, as now existing shall be abolished; and in stead thereof such of the schools where two departments shall be divided into two schools, wholly distinct and separate from each other. In each of the mixed schools, that shall be a school for boys, and a school for girls. In each of the unmixed schools, one half of the oldest and most advanced pupils shall constitute the first school, & the remainder shall constitute the second school.

The foregoing motion was made by W. Brigham, and was laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Gram. Writing
Sch.
Rules respect:

Ordered, That the regulations of the grammar and writing schools, be so amended that boys may remain

members of the Schools, until they are sixteen years of age, 59.
and girls until they are seventeen years of age.

The foregoing motion was made by W.^r Emerson & ordered
to be laid upon the table.

Ordered, That additional Winthrop Sch.
Philosophical apparatus be furnished the Winthrop School, Philos. apparatus
under the direction of the sub committee. The foregoing
order was taken from the table, read a second time, &
passed.

A prospectus in relation to the Educational Mag.
publication of the "Educational Magazine," a monthly jour-
nal, to be devoted to the cause of education. By Joseph W.
Ingraham.

Resolved, That this undertaking
of W.^r Ingraham be cordially recommended to the attention
of School committees, parents, teachers, and the pupils of our
schools, in the hope that they will extend to it such a
degree of encouragement, as will render it highly successful.

The foregoing motion was made by W.^r Brooks, &
laid upon the table.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday the 30th day of December A. D. 1846.

Present -

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs Greene, Graves, Sharp, Wells and Brigham.

Ingraham's
Magazine &c.

The following Resolutions and Resolves, which were laid upon the table at the last meeting, were taken up and passed -

Whereas Joseph W. Ingraham Esq. Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Primary School Board, having announced his intention to publish a Monthly Magazine to be devoted to the cause of education and also a Weekly Newspaper for the benefit of young persons: and whereas from Mr Ingraham's past devotion to the interests of our Schools and the cause of Education generally, this Board have full confidence that the proposed publications will conduce to the dissemination of well attested facts and enlightened practical principles: therefore

Resolved. That this undertaking of Mr Ingraham be cordially recommended to the attention of School Committees, Parents, Teachers and the Pupils of our Schools in the hope that they will extend to it such a degree of encouragement as will render it highly successful.

Symmes

Hawes sch.

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Miss Mary W. Symmes, late assistant teacher in the Hawes school made a report - and asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Read and laid upon the table.

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Ventilation

The Committee, who were appointed to consider the subject of ventilation of the school houses under the care of this Board, and to report the best method of remedying the very defective manner, in which it is now accomplished, and who were authorized to ventilate as a matter of experiment three of the schoolhouses in such a manner as they may deem expedient - made a report, which was read and laid upon the table - and ordered that five hundred copies be printed, together with the drawings, and that the committee have leave to make such additions to the report as may be deemed expedient.

Ordered, That the Committee on Ventilation be and hereby are directed to adapt to each school room of the Common Schools such apparatus, if any as may be required to secure to them proper ventilation in winter and summer - and make such alterations and arrangements of the furnaces as may be required.

Mather Sch.

Usher

The Subcommittee of the Mather School report that a vacancy occurred in the place of Usher in said school in September last: that after an examination of several candidates they employed Mr George T. Angell with the understanding that they would present his name for confirmation in three months, provided his services were satisfactory - that, as that term has expired, and as he appears to be an able and efficient Teacher in the opinion of the Masters of the School and satisfactory to the Committee as far as they have

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the means of judgment, they ask the Board to confirm the nomination of Mr George T. Angell as Usher in the Mather School.

For the Subcommittee.

Alvan Simonds, Chm

Read, and accepted, and the above nomination was confirmed.

The Committee on the Hawes School made a communication respecting ~~respecting~~ that school, which was read and placed on file.

Primary Sch.
pupils.

The following Resolve was read and referred to the next Board.

Resolved. That this Board assent to the proposal of the Primary School Committee, that the age at which children shall hereafter be transferred from the Primary to the Grammar Schools, shall be eight years instead of seven years.

Secretary

Ordered, That there be paid to the Secretary of this Board Two hundred and fifty dollars in full for his services the present year.

Messenger

Ordered. That there be paid to the Messenger of this Board one hundred and fifty dollars in full for his services the present year.

Chairman

The following resolve was unanimously passed, on motion of M^r Allen.

Minute 1.

Resolved: Unanimously, that we tender our thanks to the Hon^{ble} Josiah Quincy, Jr. for the ability and impartiality with which he has presided over our deliberations during the past year: and that his prompt and efficient

cooperation with the Committee in the discharge of their
high and responsible duties entitled him to our warmest
acknowledgments and the approbation of the friends of Ed-
ucation. 63.

The Chairman made a suitable address
in reply to the same.

The Board was then adjourned without
day.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Boys.Latin

J. H. Thayer
 F. W. W. Palpey
 Charles Heale
 H. S. Warner
 L. G. Ware

Adams

Joseph C. Proviser
 Joseph M. Gibbens
 John F. Pearson
 George H. Corvly
 Charles Merriam
 Edwin A. Gibbens

Phillips

Charles C. Alexander
 John L. Brigham
 Samuel P. Howes
 William W. Richards
 Hiram H. Lafford
 William H. Wood.

Mayhew

John W. Beals
 Lowell M. Brown
 George L. Brewer
 James Minon
 Edw. A. Freeman
 James C. Fowle.

English High

Henry T. Gibbs
 Benjⁿ F. Clapp
 Theodore G. Ellis
 Joseph Garrett
 John W. Atkinson
 John S. Scott.

Otis

W. Harrison Cheever
 Geo. Sumner Wittington
 Wm. Parsons Towne.

Boylston

Charles C. Snow
 Charles O. Pratt
 Perez G. Porter

Winthrop

Calvin J. Parker
 William E. Simpson
 Joseph J. Delbeare

Mather

James Ross
 Thomas C. Simonds
 John L. Emerson

Endicott

Frederick T. Brown
 William P. Harding
 Edwin A. Lovejoy

Brimmer

Lynde Walter Buckingham
 Charles Ferdnd Fisher
 Clara Francis Gates
 Charles Wells Gray
 Jacob Ashton Johnson
 George Augustus Stover.

Hawes

Edwin A. Prudleton
 Henry W. Dyer
 Henry G. Lafford.

Clot

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Henry B. Dexter
 David A. Ellwell
 George W. B. Meritt
 Charles F. Newcomb
 Theodore Tasker
 Alonzo E. Tenney

Lyman

Alexander Lane, Jr.
 Albert P. Lovejoy

GirlsFranklin

Mary Caroline Barry
 Lizzette Maria Funk
 Sarah Elizabeth Green
 Sarah Ann Grant Miller
 Mary Wildes
 Louisa Amelia Woodman

Johnson

Maria W. Balch
 Georgianna L. Newton
 Ellen V. Hunt
 Julia W. Dutton
 Sarah L. Taft
 Hannah B. Williams

Lyman

Georgetta Reid

Mary Pratt

Bowdoin

Sarah C. Adams
 Leah L. Nichols
 Marcy A. Smith
 Caroline M. Francis
 Mary C. Joslin
 Elizabeth D. Simpson

Hancock

Lusan C. Chamberlin
 Sarah A. H. Eaton
 Jane R. Fisher
 Susan R. Hoyt
 Miscilla Shelling
 Sarah C. Swallow

Mary C. Giddings

Wells

Martha E. Plummer
 Elizabeth M. Lathrop
 Angeline L. Baker
 Mary P. Bowers
 D. L. Marshall
 Adeline Pike

Otis

Mary Georgina Hillman
 Elizabeth Woods

Ordicott

Mary C. Cushing
 Phoebe L. Dyke
 Louisa Boynton

Boylston

Georgiana Whittemore
 Mary L. Treadwell
 Thankful M. Chandler

Winthrop

Helen A. Brigham
 Sarah C. Glidden
 Martha L. Wales

Mather

Mary D. Holt
 Caroline Lathard

Mary C. Howe

Howes

Mary D. Savil
 Susan L. Filler
 Emily M. Huddleston

At a meeting of the School com- 67.
mittee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Tuesday, the twelfth day of January, A. 1847.

The following gentlemen compose the school
committee the present year.

Josiah Quincy, Jr. Mayor Chairman
George S. Willard, President of the Common Council. Members
From the wards.

- Ward No 1. Henry G. Clark & Rev. Amos Smith.
" " 2. James H. Barnes & James Ayer.
" " 3. Daniel P. Simpson & Moses C. Green.
" " 4. Richard Soule, jr. & George B. Emerson.
" " 5. Frederick Emerson & Vinian C. Betton.
" " 6. Theophilus Parsons & John Phelps Putnam.
" " 7. Rev. Charles Brooks & Edward G. Loring.
" " 8. Rev. Daniel M. Lord & John B. Hutchinson.
" " 9. George T. Curtis & Thomas M. Brewer.
" " 10. Rev. Nehemiah Adams & Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge.
" " 11. Manlius S. Clarke & Joseph M. Wightman.
" " 12. Rev. Theodore D. Cook & Rev. Geo. W. Bosworth.

All the above named gentlemen appeared &
took their seats, except T. M. Brewer.

The board was called to order by the
Mayor who by the rules is ex officio, Chairman.

Ordered, that the rules and regulations of Rules & Orders.
the School committee of the last year be and they are here-
by adopted, to remain in force until the further order of this
board. Also the rules & orders for the government of the members when in session.

Secretary

Mr Brooks was appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary; said committee reported, that the whole number of ballots was fifteen²⁰, all of which were for Samuel F. McCleary, and he was unanimously chosen.

Mepenger.

Johnson Colby was nominated and appointed Mepenger of the board.

Sub com^{es}

The following sub or visiting committees were nominated and appointed, viz:

Latin	The Mayor	English High.	Mep ^r Curtis
Mep ^r	Parsons		Wightman
	Betton		G. B. Emerson
	Lord		Putnam
	Adams		M. S. Clarke
Syman.	Mep ^r Soule.	Eliot.	Mep ^r H. G. Clarke
	Barnes		Smith
	H. G. Clarke		Ayer.
Endicott.	Mep ^r Smith	Wancock.	Mep ^r Barnes
	Barnes		Smith
	Greene		Simpson.
Mayhew.	Mep ^r Simpson	Bowdoin.	Mep ^r G. B. Emerson
	Soule.		Parsons
	Curtis.		Brewer.
Boylston.	Mep ^r Lord	Adams.	Mep ^r Adams
	Hutchinson		Loring.
	Bosworth.		Hutchinson.
Franklin.	Mep ^r Coolidge. Cook.	Wells.	Mep ^r Betton, F. Emerson.
	Wightman		Soule.

Hawes. Mep^r Bosworth

Cook

M. S. Clarke

Mather. Mep^r Cooke

Bosworth

Green

Johnson. Mep^r Loring

Adams

Brooks

Winthrop. Mep^r Brewer

Coolidge

Putnam

Otis. Mep^r Simpson

Greene

Ayer

Brimmer. Mep^r Wightman

M. S. Clarke

F. Emerson

Phillips. Mep^r Betton

Brooks

Hutchinson

Dwight. Mep^r Loring

Wightman

Brewer

Smith. Mep^r Brooks, Coolidge, F. G. B. Emerson.

On motion of M^r Parsons, the Mayor was added to the sub-committee of the Latin School as chairman.

Committee on books. Mep^r Parsons, G. B. Emerson, Loring, Simpson and Putnam. Committee to confer with the primary school committee. Mep^r F. Emerson, Ayer and Green.

Books

Primary Sch.

Committee on music. Mep^r Brooks, Lord and Coolidge.

Music

Ordered, That the sub-committees be requested, to ascertain what amount of money will be required to be appropriated for the use of their respective schools, exclusive of fuel, for the next financial year. Also the number of seats in each school house; to report at the next quarterly meeting.

Appropriations

The following gentlemen were nominated and appointed members of the primary school committee. viz: George Sturtevant, Joseph Robbins, Richard Soule, jr

Prim. Sch. com^r

John Atkins	Samuel W. Hall	Wm. H. Colburn
Lucia Morgan	Thomas D. Demond	Chenezer Atkins
Amos Smith	Joseph W. Ingraham	Henry G. Clark
John Woot	Abraham Buck Jr	John H. Blake
J. Warren Merrill	J. P. Oliver	Rosland Ellis
Wm. L. Leonard	Alexander Wood	J. Posticany
John P. Ober	Frederick F. Raymond	Charles C. Wiggins
Oliver Stearns	John B. McClary	Ernest W. Wiswell
Henry S. Fiske	John Spence S.	James Ayer
C. D. G. Palmer	George W. Parmenter	C. H. Shelling
Charles G. Cushman	Joseph T. White	William Eaton
William C. Cole	Loanna Crosby	Abraham G. Wymen
Frederick Crosby	John White S.	Doris Clarke
J. V. C. Smith	Theodore H. Bell	Frederick B. Sumner
Francis Brown	Thomas B. Hawkes	Math. E. P. Kemp
Wm. D. Kestledge	Daniel Houchman	Frederick A. Prince
John Bigelow	David Kimball	Roger N. Pierce
C. Augustus Hobart	Archie D. Parker	Richard W. Bayly
Chaplet P. Hartsorn	Alfred T. Turner	Stewart A. Thompson
Francis J. Humphrey	Samuel L. Abbott	Lorenzo S. Craig
Chas. Jones	William Howe	Benj. P. Richardson
Charles A. Phelps	Fred. W. Tinsley	Oliver Simon
J. B. Hutchinson	Charles Brooks	Oliver Ditson
Charles Simpson	Josiah T. Burnstead	Wm. D. Ticknor
J. R. Marvin	William Makepeace	Chas. C. Barry
Samuel S. Coit	William B. Upland	Oliver Field
C. W. Blake	W. Metcalf	C. F. Meigs
Joseph B. Child	Thomas Wilder	H. J. Bowditch
William Crowell	Henry S. Washburn	Henry Burroughs

John Aldin	George M. Randall	Goodleaf & Hulme	71.
Joseph M. Nightman	John T. Dingley	A. A. Watson	
Horace Dupree	Thacher Beal	James W. Harris	
William Dall	Wier Carter	William C. Manshard	
Benj. H. Greene	Alvan Simonds	William Eaton	
Isaac Adams	Albert J. Wright	Charles J. F. Allen	
Joseph Smith	John Perkins	Charles Mead	
Granston Howe	Obadiah Rich	Henry Homer	
W. T. Parker	Ambrose Lovel	William B. Brooks	
Osborn Howe	Samuel S. Perkins	George Merrill	
W. W. Davenport	William P. Jarvis	J. F. W. Lane	
Francis Bullard	Alvah Hobbs	H. R. Andrews	
Stephen Tucker	Edmund Jackson	A. Parker Melzer	
	L. B. Croft		

Mr Brooks moved that the 4th section of the 1st Chapter of the rules, giving the board the right to appoint the Primary School committee and to authorize the latter to regulate their proceedings, and fill all vacancies, be amended by inserting the words "and to remove any of their members at their discretion". Laid upon the table.

Mr Cook moved to amend Chapter 1st Section 25 of the Rules, so as to provide for an additional vacation of one week, commencing on "the Monday preceding the 22^d day of February". Laid upon the table.

Ordered, That the room in the Johnson School House, heretofore used by the school for special

Rules - Prim.
Sch. Com.
motion to amend.

Rules - ad. vac.
motion to amend.

Johnson Sch. H.

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instruction, there placed, be appropriated henceforth to the use of the Johnson school.

Sup^t of sch.
or appoint?

Mr Curtis offered the following order, which was, on his own motion laid upon the table, viz^t Ordered That a committee be appointed to consider & report what recommendation, if any, ought to be made by this board to the City Council on the subject of establishing the office of Superintendent of the Public Schools.

Rules for
meetings.

Ordered That the Regulations be so amended as to provide that the regular meetings be held on "Wednesdays" instead of "Tuesdays" - Passed - three fourths of the members present voting for the same.

Latin Sch.
ushers.

The subcommittee of the Latin School report - that Mr John Phillips Reynolds was appointed an usher in the said school on the first day of Sept. 1846. - and that William L. Ropes was appointed an usher in the said school on the tenth day of Sept. 1846. And the Subcommittee ask that said appointments be confirmed. Read, accepted and said nominations were confirmed; and they were appointed accordingly.

Parker.

Ordered that the sum of sixty dollars be paid to T. E. Parker, for his services as an Usher in the Latin School during one month in the place of Mr Ropes who was absent by reason of sickness.

Symmes

On motion of Mr. Curtis, it was ordered, that the communication of Miss Mary W. Symmes be taken from the list of the last Board and referred to a

committee of three members of this Board with instructions to give Miss Symmes a hearing on the subject of her communication. 73.

Messrs J. S. T. Coolidge -
J. P. Putnam and M. S. Clarke were appointed as
the committee.

Mr Cook offered the following or Symmes.
ders and moved their adoption; but at the suggestion Sub com.^{ce's} statu-
of the Chair they were withdrawn and afterwards
referred to the committee appointed to give Miss
Symmes a hearing:

Ordered: That the committee ap-
pointed, be instructed to require from Miss Symmes or her
friends, a statement of the charges made in debate,
which she characterizes as false; and that said com-
mittee inquire and report what charges, if any, were
made and whether they be true or false.

Ordered: That said committee are
directed to require and report whether the subcommittee
in neglecting or refusing to nominate Miss Symmes
acted from party or malicious motives, or were in-
fluenced by a disposition to act for the best interests
of the Hawes School.

Ordered, That said committee be
instructed to inquire and report in what estimation Miss
Symmes has been held by the members of the Primary
School Committee, while in the employ of the city, &
that they give notice to all persons interested in such
inquiries, that they may be present, at any meeting of
said committee for the purpose of giving a hearing.

to any party.

Ordered: That said Committee hold their meetings in this room, and that they give notice to all members of this Board, that they may be present, if they see cause, at any hearing of said Committee.

Text books

On motion of Mr Loring it was ordered, that Messrs Loring, F. Emerson, and Greene be a Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of recommending to the City Government that the textbooks and implements of instruction be furnished to them by the city and at its expense - or on any other plan that in the opinion of the said Committee may reduce the expense to pupils of said textbooks so as to render our Common Schools more completely Free Schools.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the school 75.
committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on
Wednesday, the third day of February, A. D. 1847.

Present

The Mayor, Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs
Millard, Barnes and Ayer.

Semi annual returns were made. Semi annual
by the masters of all the schools, except the ~~Abraham~~ Otis & returns.
Primmer schools.

Quarterly reports were made by the Quarterly rep^s
sub-committees of all the schools, which were read & accepted.

The following books were referred to Books.
the committee on books - viz. Wells's English School gram-
mar. Bullion's Latin, Greek & English grammar. Cassin's
Commentaries. Tower's gradual reader. Analysis of geography
by S. Bliss - School & family dictionary & definers.

The subcommittee of the Latin School Snelling's
reported, that on Saturday the 30th of January last, Mr death
Jonathan Snelling, the writing master of this school closed
his earthly course. He has been in the service of the City,
sixty years. Two generations have passed by since he began
that labor of instruction, which he continued to the very end
of his life, with unabated zeal, and with no other diminu-
tion of success than that which arose necessarily from the
infirmities of age & disease. After conference with the mas-
ter & sub-master of the school, & in conformity with their
opinion & wishes, the committee propose not to fill the office

No. vacated by W. Snelling's death, for the present. They think it probable that the salary of \$1000 a year, may be saved to the City, and the instruction in writing be divided among the teachers now employed, without detriment to the discharge of their other duties. — The committee are of opinion that \$300 should be added to the salary of the sub master, and unanimously recommend the passage of the following order.

Latin Sch. Ordered, That the salary of the sub
Sub master. master of the Latin School be henceforward, beginning with the present quarter, eighteen hundred dollars a year.

Read, accepted & the order passed the rules of the board being suspended for that purpose.

Lyman Sch. The sub-committee of the Lyman School
donation to. reported, That a donation of one hundred dollars has recently been made to said school, by the Honorable Theodore Lyman, to aid in the establishment of a school library. A part of this sum has been very judiciously expended by one of the teachers in the purchase of standard works of reference. Read, and thereupon —

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to transmit to the Hon. Theodore Lyman, the thanks of this board, for his recent liberal donation to the Lyman School. — Passed by a unanimous vote.

Adams Sch. The sub-committee of the Adams school stated in their report, that W. Samuel Bates, the writing master, has been attacked with sudden & alarming illness. Leave

of absence has been granted to him, for three months. In place 77
of W.^d Bates, the two ushers take charge of his depart-
ment in turn. W.^d Bartholomew Wood has been employed
as usher on trial, in place of W.^d Joel Brown, who resign-
ed on account of the inconvenient situation of the school.
To supply the place of usher under this arrangement the
sub-committee have employed Miss Hales of Wrentham as
an assistant teacher. -

On motion of Doctor Brewer. Winthrop
Chairman of the sub-committee of the Winthrop school. School

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested to lay be-
fore the City Council, the subject of the defective condition
of the seats and desks in the Winthrop school, with the re-
quest, that provision may be made for their rearrangement
and the substitution of better; and that the sub-committee
of said school be requested to confer with the committee on
public buildings in connection therewith.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the New Sch. home.
Winthrop, Johnson and Brimmer schools, be a committee to South Cove.
consider the expediency of applying to the City government
for the erection of a new school house upon, or in the
immediate vicinity of the South Cove; and to report there-
upon to this board at the earliest convenient day.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Wells, sch.
Wells school be authorized to repair the philosophical apparatus
of the school, and supply the deficiencies therein at an expense
not exceeding one hundred dollars.

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Ordered, That the usual Philosophical Endicott, sch. apparatus be supplied to the Endicott school. This & the preceding order passed, the rules being suspended for that purpose.

Average attend^{ance}

The following orders offered by M^r. Loring were adopted, viz^t Ordered, That the quarterly reports hereafter to be made in pursuance of section 5, Chapter 4, of the rules of the school committee, shall specify the average quarterly attendance of the school reported on.

Physiology.

Ordered, That the committee on books consider and report upon the expediency of introducing the study of Physiology into the common schools, and the most expedient mode and means therefor.

Vacation

On motion of M^r. Cook, the order offered by him, at the last meeting, providing for an alteration of the rules, so as to allow one week's vacation in February, was taken from the table, and the following order, offered by M^r. Bellow was substituted therefor.

Ordered, that Mess^{rs}. Lord, Wightman, & F. Emerson, be a committee to consider and report upon the expediency of a vacation in the month of February, and also upon the expediency of having the yearly exhibition earlier by two weeks, and to extend the vacation at that time two weeks.

Brimmer Sch.

Goodridge

On motion of M^r. Wightman, Ordered, that fifty dollars be paid to Miss Ellen L. Perkins, for services rendered during the months of Nov. & Dec. 1846, in consequence of the sickness of Miss Goodridge, a teacher in the Brimmer School.

On motion of M^r. Soule

Ordered, That this board recommend an alteration in the 79.
rooms occupied by the Lyman school for boys, so that bet- Lyman Sch.
ter accommodation for recitation be obtained; and the sub-
committee of that school are requested to confer with the
city authorities, and procure the alteration.

By motion of W. Philo. ap.^s
Brewer, Ordered, That the committee on books be
instructed to inquire what measures are necessary to secure
uniformity in the Philosophical apparatus used in the several
schools.

Ordered, That Messrs Clark, Brooks and Loring Ventilation
be and they are hereby appointed a committee on the ventilation
of School houses.

The sub-committee of the Lyman school Lyman Sch.
nominated Miss Martha A. Holmes, as assistant teacher in
said school; which nomination was confirmed, & she was appoint-
ed accordingly.

The motion to amend the rules, in relation Prime Sch.
to members of the primary school committee, was taken from Rules
the table, and the amendment prevailed, and the resolve was
passed as follows: —

Resolved, That the primary school committee
be, and they hereby are authorized to organize their body
and regulate their proceedings as they may deem most con-
venient; and to fill all vacancies occurring in the same,
and to remove any of their members, at their discretion, dur-
ing the ensuing year; and that this board will cheerfully
receive from said committee such communications as they may
have occasion to make. //

Primary Schools
on transferring pupils

The following resolves were taken from the Table, on motion of W. F. Emerson, and passed, as amended as follows, viz. Resolved that this board assent to the proposal of the primary school committee, that the age at which children shall hereafter be transferred from the primary, to the grammar schools shall be eight years instead of seven years; excepting, where the pupils shall satisfactorily appear to be qualified for admission at the age of seven.

The following order offered by W. Curtis was read and laid upon the table. —

Money expended
of

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor as to the proper mode of passing orders and resolutions by this board contemplating the expenditure of money, and whether it is competent to this board to make an appropriation of money, so that the City Treasurer can pay the same, without any action thereon by the City Council.

Primary schools
pupils from

The following resolve, ~~was~~ on motion of W. F. Emerson, was called up and passed.

Resolved, That the children coming from the primary schools, to the grammar schools, and bringing a certificate of the requisite qualifications from a member of the primary school committee, shall not be rejected on account of want of qualifications, unless the rejection shall be sanctioned by the sub-committee of the grammar school to which application for admission shall be made.

Adj. to Wednesday next.

4 o'clock, P. M. Attest, E. W. Cleary, Secy

At a meeting of the School committee of 81,
the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday,
the tenth day of February, A. 1847.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs Willard,
W. G. Clarke, Barnes, Lord & Hutchinson.

Ordered, That the Salary of the late Snelling
Jonathan Snelling, for the whole of the current quarter, be Latin Sch.
paid to Edward A. Snelling.

The sub-committee of the Adams school Adams Sch.
beg leave to add to their quarterly report of said school, Quarterly rept.
That owing to the sickness and absence of the writing master,
and the performance of his labours by the two ushers, and the
employment of an additional female assistant, the expenses of
said school for the present year, in addition to the expenses of
the last year, with the exception of fuel which is now sup-
plied by the Superintendent of the rooms occupied by the
school, will be as follows. 1. The amount of difference be-
tween the salary of a master, & of an usher, said amount
to be divided between the two ushers. 2. The salary
of the additional female assistant. Read & accepted.

Ordered, That Messrs Curtis, Loring & W. G. Supt. of Schools
Clarke, be a committee, to consider & report what recommendation,
if any, ought to be made by this board, to the City Council
on the subject of establishing the office of Superintendent of
the public schools.

Vacation

Ordered, That the Mayor be authorized to give a vacation of one week, to all the public schools at such time as the committee of ventilation may desire the use of the school houses, for the purposes of making ^{the} alterations directed by this board.

School houses

repairs

Ordered, That Messrs. Wightman, Barnes and Hutchinson, be a committee to take into consideration the best method of having the small but immediately required repairs made to the school houses, & report to this board.

Keith

Ordered, That Miss Almira J. Keith be paid, at the usual rate of a female teacher's compensation, for five weeks' services in the Hancock school in November and December last, as teacher in the place of Miss Gale, absent on account of ill health.

Johnson

Ordered, That Miss Helen M. Johnson be paid at the usual rate of a female teacher's compensation, for two weeks services in the Hancock school in November & December last, as teacher, in the place of Miss Howe, absent on account of the sickness & death of her father.

Adjourned to Wednesday, the twenty fourth day of February, instant, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty fourth day of February, D. 1845. 83.

Present,

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Willard, Smith, Barnes, Ayer, Sculer, G. B. Emerson & Brooks.

The Otis school masters having made Semi annual their semi annual report, thereby completing the return from all the schools - The Secretary made his schedule of the semi annual returns; and the same was placed on file.

The following books were referred to the committee on books, viz: Adams's Arithmetic. Memoria Technica, or the art of abbreviating. Books.

On motion of Dr. Brewer, the following Schools amendment was made to the rules and regulations, the rules admission of pupils being suspended for that purpose, and three fourths of the members present voting for the same - viz: At the end of section 22, ^{Regulation} add the following. "No pupil shall be admitted into any school unless a resident within its district and no exceptions may be made without the written consent of the sub committees both of the school to which the child belongs & that where admission is sought." Rules amended

The committee appointed to consider the School the expediency of applying to the City government for the erection of a new school house upon or in the immediate vicinity of the New

84. "South Cove" made a report, to which were subjoined the following resolutions. viz:

Resolved, That the actual want of adequate accommodations to the children now connected with the schools in the southern section of the City, urgently calls for the adoption, by the City Council, of immediate measures for the erection of a new school house for boys.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this board, the public convenience would be best promoted by the location of said school house, at some point south of Harvard street and east of Washington street, as nearly as may be, equidistant from the Winthrop, Mather & Brimmer schools.

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to communicate the above report and resolves to the City Council.

The foregoing report was read, accepted, & the resolves passed.

Ordered, That said report and resolves be printed for the use of the members of this board, and a sufficient number for the members of the City Council. See said report on file. Also No. 9. of the printed City documents, for the year 1847.

Vacations -
Exhibitions -
Rules.

The committee upon the "expediency of a vacation in the month of February. And also upon the expediency of having the year's exhibition earlier by two weeks and to extend the vacation at that time, two weeks." Report
As to the expediency of a vacation in February. After careful deliberation, they are satisfied that while some benefits may accrue to the schools by the proposed arrangement, they deem them not sufficient to counterbalance the disadvantages. The

winter is the most favorable season of the year for study. The 85.
mind is more active & the exhaustion of the physical & intel-
lectual powers consequent upon application to study is not as
great as on other seasons of the year. — The recess of every
Wednesday & Saturday P. M. The Christmas day, the fast day, &
the thanksgiving week vacation, together with the natural bonny-
ancy of youth, & the disposition to indulge in active sports, es-
pecially at this season of the year are sufficient, it is believed
in most instances to secure health & vigor of the mind.

It must be admitted however, that in past years, both
masters and pupils seemed to require some other seasons of re-
lease from their school rooms, than they hitherto have had. But
we are confident, that the "Ventilation committee" are about to
do a better work for them than could be done by a vacation of
many weeks. Most of the masters with whom we have con-
versed respecting this matter, are satisfied, that greater in-
jury would be done to their schools than any benefit that
might be gained by the arrangement to themselves and their
scholars. One or two weeks would hardly suffice for the pupils
to regain their former habits of study and their interest in their
lessons. The parents of the children so far as we could learn
are very generally opposed to the proposed vacation. They say,
"their children especially their sons will be out of doors nearly
all the time & will thus be doubly exposed to the inclemency of the
weather." The committee are satisfied, therefore, for those reasons &
others, that it is inexpedient to give a vacation to the schools in
February. To this decision they more readily came as indicating
their attention.

2ndly To the expediency of having the yearly exhibition earlier.

by two weeks, and to extend the vacation at that time two weeks. In nearly every instance to the inquiry made to parents & masters "What do you think of the proposed amendment?" the reply has been: "Let the amendment be made." In the opinion your committee cordially concur. For some past years, the masters of the schools have been quite embarrassed towards the close of the Summer term by the absence of their scholars on excursions of pleasure in the country, by their leaving town for the season. The pupils who remain either discouraged on account of the absence of their class mates or encumbered by the heat of the season make very little advance in their studies. The masters and assistants though supposed of tolerable health find themselves at the end of their annual race scarcely able to meet the duties of their station. And besides, members of the committee who are for the most part active professional or business men, find themselves compelled to seek a temporary abode in the quietude of the country, or they are induced to take a ^{vacation} jaunt to some watering place. So that when the August exhibition arrives, it finds them out of town. True some of the gentlemen, like good public servants return to the City in order to be present at that examination, and the subsequent election of masters, at no inconsiderable expense & inconvenience to themselves. Your committee therefore Report. That it is expedient to have the yearly exhibition earlier by two weeks. They would ask therefore, that Chapter first and section 24. of the regulations of the public schools be so altered as to read, on the last Wednesday of July instead of "on Wednesday, two weeks before the last Wednesday in August;" and that section 25th of the same chapter be also

so altered as to read in July & five succeeding weeks in 87.
stead of "in August and the three succeeding weeks."

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the
Committee. Daniel M. Lord, Chairman.

Read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred an Sch. house
order to take into consideration the best method of having repairs.
The small, but immediately required repairs made to the
School houses. made a report which was read & laid upon
the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition Symmes.
of Miss Symmes with accompanying orders beg leave to report:

The Committee have felt the peculiar delicacy and dif-
ficulty of the matter given to them for investigation and have
therefore proceeded with great care in their prosecution of it.

The matter had attracted large attention in the Com-
munity by various articles in newspapers and by personal
controversies upon subjects not altogether within the precise
sphere of the Committee's duty. They have sought
therefore to allay the excitement and meet the actual
case before them without an undue movement of their
own feelings by pursuing their enquiries in a private rat-
her than in the public manner which the orders submit-
ted to them contemplated. The course which upon consul-
tation, appeared most advisable as well as becoming, was,
in the first place to grant Miss Symmes the hearing
practically she had asked: to obtain from her a plain
and distinct statement of her case, the charges, which

She complained of as being false, and the misrepresentations, which she desired to have investigated. Such a statement having been received, the Committee next invited the persons implicated to appear before them and give their account of the matter, to acknowledge or disavow the charges, or to correct them, if they had been misstated. The Committee then obtained a conference with the Masters of the Hawes School in order to elicit whatever information on the matter they might choose to give. When this course had been finished, the parties in the controversy were informed of the actual issues presented, and solicited, if they desired to present any further evidence on those points to the Committee who were prepared to receive it.

Numerous hearings were thus granted from time to time till to the complete satisfaction of both parties, the whole matter seemed fully laid before the Committee, each party being asked if they desired to offer any further proof or statement and each answering in the negative.

The true points at issue between the parties were thus found to be,

1st The reasons assigned in a letter to George J. Carter, Esq. for the removal of Miss Fymines from her situation as Teacher in the Hawes School.

2^d The Charges made in debate namely: dismissal from the Primary School service.

Disobedience of the orders of the Masters of the Hawes School.

The charge of irritability and the reason assigned in excuse, her ill health.

Upon all these points, full statements were made & 89.
large evidence produced.

The Committee propose to take up in order these points and state the conclusions to which they have unanimously arrived. But first they desire to say that they have refused to enter upon one subject, which the orders referred to them proposed. They were asked to decide upon the motives which actuated the majority of the Committee, who deposed Miss Symmes - This were to enter upon an investigation as dangerous as it would have been supererogatory. They have therefore not sought evidence upon this point since all evidence would be inadequate to enable them to pronounce upon so delicate a matter.

We proceed to the charges above enumerated -
The first point is - "Extravagant Self-Respect on the part of Miss Symmes evinced in her boasting to her associate Teachers of being as well qualified to take charge of the Hawes School as either of the masters."

There is a difference upon this point, as to the time and occasion of making the remark, which was the foundation of this charge between Miss Symmes and the individual to whom it is said to have been made.

But this difference in the opinion of the Committee does not alter essentially the meaning or intent of the remark itself. They have been unable to discover in it, upon either representation, any evidence of excessive "Self-Esteem". The conversation in which expressions were used on which this charge is based, tho' referred to different

90. Thus and different subjects by the parties, was heard casually and not intended for the ears of the Masters or for further communication. It was in the course of free and friendly talk. At the time, to which it is assigned by one party, the remark was made in private, before the appointment of Miss Lyman to her School, in reply to a question directed to the point of her passing an examination as a candidate, and intended on her part to apply to her capacity to teach the Department she was destined for. At the time, to which it is assigned by the other party there was no unfavorable reference to her particular Masters or School, but was a general remark which one might naturally make on the subject then conversed upon, and was elicited by an inquiry directed to her own estimation of her capacity.

The Committee are fully of opinion that no evidence has been produced, tending to show that whatever the remark may have been or whenever made, it was uttered in the spirit of boasting. The Committee are fortified in this judgment by the fact that the masters to whom the remark was reported, do not seem to have laid much stress upon it - one of them dismissing it from his mind with scarce a thought; and the other, acknowledging his conviction, that it was not intended to reach the master or to cast a slur upon them, and that it had reference to her capacity to teach and discipline a school.

2. Miss Lyman was placed in the School by my predecessor in open disregard of the preference of the

Masters: a preference, which common courtesy induced 91.
him to call upon them to express. Of course, she did
not supply their entire confidence any more than they
did hers and could not therefore be expected to suc-
ceed as well as under more favorable circumstances."

This reason consists of a statement of an alleged
fact and its inference; First, as to the fact itself -
The Committee have found upon investigation that the
names of the candidates for the vacant seat were sub-
mitted to the Masters: that they expressed a strong
desire that Miss Bartlett, one of the applicants, who had
instructed in this school and had acquitted herself
well in their judgment, should receive the appointment.
They therefore marked first for Miss B. - they made
no opposition or objection whatever to Miss Gynnes
and one of them marked second for her upon the fa-
vorable representation, which was made of her quali-
fications and character. They urged the appoint-
ment of another, but made no opposition or objection
to Miss Gynnes. Such was the fact. As to the in-
ference the Committee cannot but think it too
hastily drawn. From all the evidence presented they
are satisfied that the manner of the appointment
did not constitute an insuperable barrier to the suc-
cess of Miss G. or the prosperity of the school.
Miss G. went, as she states, as a friend to meet
friends. She was not aware of the preference that
had been expressed for another. The manner of
her appointment could not therefore have affected her

mind towards her associates. One of the Masters testified that her appointment did not influence his feelings towards her - He told her frankly at the beginning, that though she was not their choice, that fact should not & ought not influence their relation to each other; that she must look to him for advice sympathy and aid as did her associates, and which Miss Symmes admits she received. The other of the Masters also allowed that whatever might have been his disappointment, it did not affect the success and prosperity of the school, and that any doubts arising at the outset from this cause might have been overcome.

3. The third reason assigned in the letter to Mr Curtis was the relation found subsisting between Miss Symmes & her pupils; a relation, any thing but gratifying to the Member of the Committee charged with the last Quarterly Examination of her department of the School & reported by him to the Chairman.

The Committee understand that reference is here made to what fell under the observation of the member of the Committee of that School on the occasion of a single brief examination. It is not denied that at the time of that gentleman's presence, it was found necessary by Miss S. to reprove strongly, to speak with an unusual degree of severity on account of inattention and carelessness on the part of some, one of her best Scholars. Her children were making gross blunders upon lessons with which they had familiar

acquaintance and in which they might have appeared well, if they gave their minds to the subject; but they were taken up with promotions that had been made and which had produced some confusion in her particular Class on that day. It was necessary to recal. their attention by serious and perhaps severe reproof.

Such seems to be the explanation of the particular instance referred to. The true point to be determined, however, evidently is, as to her ordinary manner and the general relation subsisting between her and her pupils. And on this, the Committee have found no evidence going to establish the fact of an unpleasant relation. The masters and associate teachers observed nothing to lead them to suspect there was any unfriendliness in this regard. Miss Lyman's manner of discipline, while it was firm and decided, seems not to have partaken of harshness or undue severity, nor to have been of a kind naturally to produce ill will on the part of her pupils. Much reliance should also be placed on the examination of the children conducted by the two gentlemen of the general Board directed to this particular point, an examination, which took place before this matter had become a subject of public notoriety, and conducted in a manner which from its location must could not fail to elicit the truth and which terminated in an unanimous declaration on the part of the children in favor of Miss L. From all therefore which the Committee could learn on this point they must conclude that the relation subsisting between Miss L. and her pupils was not different from the ordinary

relation between teachers and scholars - that there was nothing in this regard which called for the special interference of the Committee.

These are the reasons assigned in the letter to Mr Curtis for the removal of Miss Symmes from her office and which the party writing it did not desire to enlarge upon or alter.

We proceed to the charges made in debate.

1. Dismissal from the Primary School.

When Miss Symmes wrote her letter to the Board, she had understood that it had been stated before that Board that she had been actually dismissed from her charge of a Primary School by the Committee of the District, in which her School was located. This she, without hesitation declared to be false and she easily proved it to be so. But in the investigation which has taken place, the gentleman who made the statement before the Board expressly declared that his remark was, that Miss S. had before been in the employ of the city and failed to give satisfaction, and did not say that she was dismissed. This made an essential difference in the weight of his charge. Yet upon the suggestion of Miss S. who felt herself injured by the remark as acknowledged, the matter was entered upon and the hearing was now started.

Miss Symmes was the teacher of the Primary School for the colored children. It was in a wretched condition when it passed into her hands.

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For two years at least, after her appointment she gave universal satisfaction as an efficient and successful teacher. The School thrived wonderfully under her care; and the Committee of the District congratulated themselves at their good fortune, in securing her excellent services. During the last year, however, of her incumbency, from causes which have been variously assigned, the School declined till it reached a comparatively low state. Miss Symmes herself was conscious of the decline. She felt she ought to leave her situation, but continued in it for a time longer than she thought expedient only at the repeated solicitation of the gentleman who had the special charge of her school. At last perceiving that the causes which operated to the detriment of the School were beyond her control, without solicitation from her Committee, without the least complaint having been made to her or the slightest hint given her of dissatisfaction in their part she soon her resignation, which, after being again urged to remain and again declining was accepted and a very flattering vote passed expressive of the high opinion her Committee entertained of her capacity and success as a teacher. Miss Symmes therefore had every reason to believe that she had given perfect satisfaction while an incumbent in the office and that whatever were the causes of the decline of the School while under her care, her Committee understood them and absolved her from all censure and blame. But in the investigation - and

no point has been labored more than this - evidence has been brought to show that there was not entire satisfaction with Miss Symmes; that there were members of the Standing Committee of the Primary School Board who felt that she was not doing all that might and should be done in her office, a feeling springing from an observation of the low condition of her school, during the latter part of her service, and a supposition that her interest in it had declined. The gentleman therefore, who made the statement before the Board, that she did not give satisfaction while engaged in the Primary School service, having his information from a member of the Standing Committee might have felt himself and was authorized in that statement. The fact of the decline of the School is admitted by both parties - various causes have been assigned by different individuals for this fact, but all of them in the opinion of your Committee can be explained without prejudice to her character as a competent teacher. Miss Symmes was aware of and anticipated the decline, and six months or more before she actually left expressed her intention, in view of this fact, of resigning her situation and postponed it only upon repeated solicitation - She was not dismissed from the service and the dissatisfaction that was entertained, at the time of her resignation seems to have been confined to a few individuals and those not the most immediately connected with the school or herself.

2. The next charge was dissidence in the orders of

The Committee, considering this the most serious charge have given it a very careful and thorough investigation, and they are compelled in strict justice to say that it has little or no foundation. Upon enquiry they have found it to have reference, not to a habit of disobedience, not to a general disposition of insubordination, on the contrary the testimony proved there was not this disposition - but to a single instance in the early period of Miss Symmes connection with the Hewes School. And the Committee are fully convinced that in that particular instance there was no disposition or attempt to resist or contest the authority of the Master or the least suspicion that her conduct would be so interpreted. - The whole difficulty arose from a mutual misunderstanding on the part both of the Master and Miss Symmes. Both felt aggrieved, both felt the one interfered with the others authority, and both were deceived. A simple explanation should have reconciled them and removed whatever ill feeling had been engendered. And during the remainder of Miss Symmes service a period of over ten months, it seems never to have been alluded to between them, nor did it interfere in any manner with the good order and success of the School.

There seemed on investigation to be the principal charges and subjects of complaint. There was also some mention made before the Board of the health of Miss S. and of irritability attributed, in a measure, to the

weakness of her physical system. Miss S. complained that this had been overstated, and the Committee are of opinion that if any stress were laid on the state of her health it was without much reason.

Her health if not strong was not so infirm as to interfere with her proper duties as a teacher. She seems never to have relaxed her labors, which she made rather more arduous than was absolutely necessary by her system of discipline. She desired indeed to anticipate her summer vacation by a week or two for reasons connected with her health, but did not however avail herself of the permission. As to irritability occasioned by physical weakness or any other cause, except in the one case referred to in the letter to Mr. Curtis as occurring at the Examination of her department.

The Committee have been unable to find any sufficient ground for attributing this quality of disposition to Miss Sumner. The Teachers do not mention it as being a characteristic of her behaviour while at the School.

In conclusion, your Committee would most strongly express their convictions of the qualifications of Miss Sumner as a Teacher, so far as they have been brought to light in the very close investigation which has taken place. She ought not to be prejudiced in the minds of any by the unfortunate controversy, which has arisen and the publicity which has been given to the matter of her discharge. These charges should be entirely laid aside and forgotten, so far as they affect her character as a competent and valuable Teacher.

All of them, save one, as will have been observed, have 99.
reference to matters which occurred ~~and~~ ^{have reference to}
~~matters which occurred~~ before her appointment or in
her earliest connection with the School. No subject
of complaint has been proffered against her, except
what was observed on the day of the examination be-
fore mentioned during the last ten months of her
service. All bear date long previous to the note in
which she was informed of her dismissal.

Respectfully submitted

L. S. T. Coolidge

John Phelps Putnam

Maurice F. Clarke.

The foregoing report was read & accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned to
Wednesday, the tenth day of March, next, at four
o'clock P. M.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the tenth day of March, A. 1847.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Barnes, Ayer, F. Emerson, Brooks, Hutchinson, Brewer, Coolidge, and M. S. Clarke.

Books.

The "Common School Speller" by Wm. B. Fowle. Referred to the committee on books.

Prim. Sch. Com.
on Vacations

A communication was received from the Chairman of the Primary School committee, covering an order passed by said committee, asking for a reconsideration of the vote which was passed at a meeting of this board on the 24th ultimo, by which the summer vacation was made five and a half weeks. On motion of W. B. Cooks, said vote was reconsidered, and laid upon the table. The communication was then referred to the committee, which had said subject of vacation under consideration, and reported thereon, viz. Messrs. Lord, Wightman & F. Emerson.

Sup^t of Schools
See printed City
document No. 14.

M^r. Curtis from the committee upon the subject of a Superintendent of the public schools, in this City, submitted a report in favor of such appointment. Which report was read and laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Sup^t on authority
to appoint

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested to apply to the Legislature, for the passage of an act, authorizing empowering this board to elect annually, in the month of June,

some suitable person to be Superintendent of public schools in the City of Boston; to be, when chosen, ex officio a member of the School Committee, and perform such duties as the said committee may from time to time prescribe; - the compensation of the said Superintendent to be fixed and paid ~~by~~ in the manner as the salaries of teachers in the public schools of said City are accustomed to be fixed and paid. 101.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

S. H. McLeary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty first day of April, A. 1847.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Barnes, Parsons, Lord, and Adams.

The return of the School Committee which is required to be made, to the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was made out & signed by the members present, and the certificate which is required to be made under oath, was sworn to; - the oath being administered by Samuel H. McLeary, a Justice of the Peace in the County of Suffolk. The return was ordered to be made & delivered into the office of the Secretary, together with the annual report of the School Committee which was printed & distributed to the Pub. according to Law.

Smith scho. The sub-committee of the Smith school nominated Miss Sarah Southwick, as assistant teacher in said school, and asked that this nomination be confirmed, which motion was laid upon the table.

Butler &c. An order to pay John Butler, usher of the
 Brimmer scho. writing master of the Brimmer school for extra services during the absence of the master - Also the order to pay James Waldo, as usher - and Miss Lydia A. Bowler as assistant teacher in said school - Read and laid upon the table.

Jones. Ordered, That the sum of thirty eight dollars be paid to Miss Caroline A. M. Jones, for services rendered as assistant teacher in the Winthrop school during the illness of Miss Shelton from Feb. 8th to March 25th 1847.

Rules. The following amendment, was proposed by
 amendment of W. Hightman to the rules, and was laid upon the Table viz. To sect. 6. Chap. 1 of the rules; after the final word "associated" add the following - "But no election of assistant instructors shall be made by the board until after they shall have been upon probation in the school for which they have been nominated, six months previous to said election."

Medals. Ordered, That Messrs. Betton, G. B. Emerson & Loring, be a committee to examine and report on the subject of medals, in our grammar schools, & such other matters in relation to honoring distinctions in the said schools as to them may seem meet.

Ordered, That Messrs Cook, Bosworth and 103.

Wightman, be a committee to consider and report on the expediency of establishing another grammar and writing school within the limits of the 12th ward, and of asking the City government to take measures, at an early day to secure an eligible site, for its location. New Sch. h. Ward 12.

Ordered, That at the expiration of the present academic year, in August the boys upon the lists of the Winthrop School be discharged therefrom, and, together with such of the surplus of the Brimmer school, and of the Boylston school, as may be found desirable, be organized into a new school with such temporary arrangements for their accommodation as may be necessary, until the new school house on the South Cove shall be ready for their reception. Winthrop Sch. Soc.

Ordered, That Messrs Brewer, Coolidge and Simpson, be a committee, with power to make such revisions as they may find necessary and desirable in the districts of those schools, which will be relieved of their surplus, by the erection of the new school house upon the South Cove, and that the same report to the board what, if any, revisions are desirable in other parts of the City.

Whereas it has been shown, to the satisfaction of this board, that additional accommodations for girls are required in the southeastern section of the City; And whereas, additions can be made to the Winthrop school house, by building upon the unoccupied land in the rear of the same, belonging to the City, which, in the opinion of this board, will add greatly to its value, and at a moderate expenditure, in comparison to Winthrop Sch.

104. The additional numbers thus accommodated, will fully meet this want. —

Resolved, That the board urgently recommend this subject to the favorable consideration of the City government, and ask that a suitable appropriation may be granted for the same.

Resolved, That the Mayor and President of the Common Council, be requested to lay the above before the two branches of the City government, at the earliest convenient moment, asking the reference of the same to the committee on public instruction.

Books.

The "Boston Speaker", by Marcus A. Smith, was referred to the committee on books.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday, the fifth day of May, D. 1847.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs Barnes, Ayer, Loring, Curtis, and M. S. Clarke.

The sub-committees of all the schools except the English High School, and the Hancock School, ^{made their quarterly reports} which reports were read and accepted.

The gradual lessons in grammar by David B. Tower. Referred to the committee on books. Books.

Ordered, That the salary of a master for three months and seven days, be paid in equal parts to Messrs Cheever and Wood, for extra services in the Adams School, during the absence of W. Bates, from Dec. 24, 1846 to March 31, 1847, inclusive. Adams sch. Teachers

Ordered, That eleven dollars, sixty six cents be paid to M. J. Browne, for services in the Adams school during four days after his quarter had expired, and after he had been dismissed at his request, and before a successor was appointed. Adams sch. Teachers

Ordered, That in the opinion of this board recitation rooms are much needed for the Boylston, Eliot & Mather schools, and that the attention of the City government be directed to this matter. Boylston, Eliot & Mather sch.

Dwight Sch. The sub-committee of the Dwight school reported, that Mr. Page, the former usher in the boys department has been transferred to the girls department - which transfer was approved.

Mather Sch.

The sub-committee of the Mather school, reported that the average attendance of this school having reached upwards of 450, on the last of March, the sub-committee appointed Miss Margaret A. Pease, an assistant teacher, and she entered on her duties about the first of April, about the same time they asked the City government to fit up the ward room in the Mather school house for the accommodation of a branch of the school, under the immediate direction of Miss Pease, and the general supervision of the masters. Accepted, and said nomination was confirmed.

Johnson Sch.

The sub-committee of the Johnson school, reported that Miss Symmes has been put in charge of a detachment of said school in the room formerly occupied by the primary school - Read & accepted, and said nomination was confirmed.

Dwight Sch.

Ordered, That the usual salary be paid to Miss Mary M. Brett, for four weeks, serving as a teacher of a new division in the Dwight School.

Ordered, That the usual salary be paid to Miss Martha Mann, for three months services as substitute for Miss C. Woodman, a teacher in the Dwight School.

Ordered, That the usual salary be paid to Miss Esther Hewins for seven weeks, and four days, services as

substitute for Miss M. A. Richards a teacher in the Dwight 107.
school absent in consequence of sickness.

Ordered, That the sum of ten dollars & fifty cents be paid to Bela S. Fisk, for services as substitute for Miss Guild and Miss Underhill, teachers in the Dwight school absent from illness.

The sub-committee of the Lyman Sch.
man school nominated, as assistant teachers Miss Mary O. Bulfinch & Miss Betitia S. Nickerson, which nominations were confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. John Butler, be paid Brimmer Sch.
the sum of one hundred, twelve dollars, & fifty cents in addition to his salary as usher in the Brimmer school on account of his having been the substitute for the master of the writing department of said school, for six weeks, in the months of January & February 1847, during the sickness of the Master.

Ordered, That the usual salary be paid to Mr. James Waldo for six weeks in the months of January & February 1847, as substitute for Mr. Bartlett usher in the Brimmer school, who was absent on account of sickness.

Ordered, That the usual salary be paid to Miss Lydia A. Bowler as substitute for Miss Collier a teacher in the Brimmer school from January 4. to March 6. 1847.

The foregoing orders were laid upon the table at the last meeting of this board, they were at the present meeting taken from the table & read.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Hawes Hawes Sch.

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school be authorized to refit the philosophical apparatus belonging to said school, and to supply any deficiency which may be found to exist in the same.

Eliot sch.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Eliot school be authorized to supply any deficiencies which now exist in its apparatus.

Smith sch.

Ordered, That Messrs Brooks, G. B. Emerson & Coolidge be a committee to consider the expediency of erecting a new school house for the Smith school.

Intermediate sch.

Ordered, That Messrs G. B. Emerson, Bolton and Brewer, be a committee to consider whether a grade of school intermediate between the primary & grammar schools may not be instituted for the more effective, convenient & economical instruction of a portion of the children, of ages between eight and ten years, and report at a future meeting of this board.

Rules - Regulations

amended

The amendment of the rules, was laid upon the table at the last meeting of this board, the same was taken up, amended & passed, as follows viz: "To sect. 6, Chap. 1, of the rules, after the final word "appointed" add the following - "But no election of assistant instructors shall be made by the board, until after they shall have been nominated three months previous to said election."

Grammar sch^s

annual exam^s

Ordered, That Messrs Parsons, Soule and Ayer be a committee to make the annual examination of the

grammar department of the grammar and writing schools
and report thereon.

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Ordered, That Messrs M. S. Clarke, Writing sch.
Smith and Bosworth, be a committee to make the annual ^{annual} examination
of the writing department of the grammar &
writing schools, and report thereon.

Ordered, That the Secretary cause all ^{Rules Reg^l}
the additions to, and alterations of the rules & regulations pas- ^{amended}
sed by the board since the adoption of the printed rules,
to be collected and printed for the use of the board, & to
distribute the same to the several grammar & writing masters,
and to the members of the primary school committee.

The committee on Books, made a report ^{Books report}
on the subject of books used in the grammar department of the ^{of com.}
schools, accompanied by three orders - which report & orders were
laid upon the table and ordered to be printed for the use of
the members of this board.

The committee appointed to examine ^{Medals}
and report on the subject of medals in the grammar schools, ^{R. of com.}
&c. made a report, accompanied by four resolutions - Which
report was read and laid upon the table, and ordered to be
printed together with the resolutions, for the use of the mem-
bers of this board.

Memorial of Chloe A. Lee, formerly ^{Smith sch.}
an assistant teacher in the Smith school, praying that an ^{Lee}
investigation of the subject ^{of her dismissal} may take place, and that she
be restored to her former situation in said school. - A.

110. motion was made, that said Chloe A. Lee be restored to her place in the Smith School. After discussing the whole subject was laid upon the table.

Sept. of Schools,

Ordered, That when this board adjourns it adjourn to meet at this place on Wednesday, the 19.th inst., at four o'clock P. M. for the purpose of considering the question of the appointment of a Superintendent of the public schools.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

(E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.)

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the nineteenth day of May, A. D. 1847.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Willard & Barnes.

Gram. Sch.

Annual examⁿ

Mr. Parsons was excused at his own request from serving on the committee to make the annual examination of the grammar department of the grammar and writing schools, and W. G. B. Emerson was appointed in his place.

Writing Sch.

Annual examⁿ

Messrs. M. S. Clarke and Smith were excused at their own request from serving on the committee, to make the annual examination of the writing

department of the grammar and writing schools; and M.
Messrs. Wightman & F. Emerson were appointed in their
places.

The following books were referred to the Books
committee on books, viz. Governmental instructor by J.
B. Shurtleff. And Mitchell's school geography & Atlas.

Ordered, That the volume entitled "Parker's
Geographical questions" be allowed to be used in the gram-
mar schools. Parker's Geo. q.

The committee to whom was re-committed Vacations
the subject of vacations in the grammar schools, Rules &c.
ask leave to report, That they have given the subject
renewed and careful consideration; and that they have
examined the communications from the primary school
board, and various gentlemen engaged in the moral and
religious improvement of the City; all of whom express
the opinion, that any increase in the annual amount
of vacations, would be attended with much injury to the
majority of children attending our public schools. In defer-
ence to these opinions and other representations made to
the committee, they have deemed it advisable to modify
their former report, and recommend that the schools have
annually the same number of days of vacation as formerly;
but that one week be taken from what is termed the May
vacation, and added to the August vacation, which it is be-
lieved will be more generally satisfactory, and advantageous
to our citizens and schools. than the present arrangement.
The committee would, therefore ask, that the following.

112. changes be made, in the Regulations, after the ensuing ^{May} vacation - viz. That Chap. 1st Sect 25th be amended, so as to read after the words, "Fourth of July," "one week commencing on the first Monday in June; the remainder of the week after the exhibition of the schools in July, and the four succeeding weeks."

That Chap. 1st Section 24th be amended so as to read after the words "Latin and High schools" "The last Wednesday in July." All which is ~~now~~ respectfully submitted. For the committee. Joseph M. Wightman. Read and accepted.

Smith
Sch.

The committee to whom was referred the Order "to consider the expediency of erecting a new school house for the Smith school" beg leave to present the following report - Your committee have examined the condition of the Smith Sch. house, and find it perfectly deplorable; and are astonished it should have been suffered to remain so long without enlargement or repairs.

The old school houses which have been abandoned, were palaces in comparison with this; and we see no reason why this class of our children should not be provided for, especially considering, that part of the expenses of the school are paid by a fund. The building is much too small for its purposes. It has no recitation rooms; there is so small a space in the entries that no clothes can be hung in them. The yards for each division are but fifteen feet square, bounded on one side by the out houses and fenced on the other by a pump in questionable proximity. The only way to these great conveniences is through

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a dark and damp cellar. The internal arrangements of the house are peculiar; the building being so planned, that the oldest scholars are obliged to occupy the seats provided for the younger, and vice versa. The general appearance of the House within is singularly meagre and presents as little of cheerfulness and comfort as can well be found in the same space. - Considering these facts your committee unanimously agree in reporting, that the Smith school house is unfit for the use of the school, and recommend the adoption of the following order:

Ordered, That the City government be requested to erect a new school house, for the use of the Smith school upon some spot not far from the present one.

All which is respectfully submitted. For the committee
Chas. Brooks - Chairman. Read and accepted.

Ordered, That the salary of a female Johnson sch. teacher for one quarter from January 1, to April 1. 1844. be paid to Miss Mary W. Symmes, for her services in the Johnson School.

Agreeably to assignment the Board took Sup. of Sch. into consideration the subject of a Superintendent of the public schools. W. Brooks submitted the following motion, viz. Resolved, That in the opinion of this board it is highly expedient and necessary that measures should be taken to establish the office of Superintendent of the public schools. After discussion this motion was laid up on the table.

Ordered,

Schools - duties
of
Com. ^{ee}

Ordered, That Messrs G. B. Emerson, Adams and Putnam, be a committee, to consider and report, what measures may be adopted, to enable this committee to discharge more effectually the various duties in reference to all the schools under their charge.

Ph. apparatus

Mr. Simpson from the committee on books to whom was referred an order concerning the philosophical apparatus in the grammar schools, reported, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and have prepared a schedule containing all the instruments which they consider necessary to illustrate principles treated of, in the text books. The cost of a complete set is \$260; but as nearly all the schools are partially supplied, the committee think that one thousand dollars will meet all the expense now required. The Adams, Hancock and Bowdoin schools not being ready to receive their apparatus are not included in the above estimate. Read & laid upon the table, and ordered that the same be printed, together with the schedules of apparatus accompanying the same.

Smith sch.

The nomination of Nancy Southwick as assistant teacher in the Smith school, and the petition of Chloe A. Lee, to be restored to her former situation as teacher in said school, and the motion made thereon were laid upon the table.

Medals.

The report of the committee on the subject of medals, was taken from the table, and after discussion the resolves were amended and passed, as follows -

- Resolved, That from and after this day, the City M.S. medals shall not be awarded in any public grammar school in this City.

Resolved, That the seventh section of the fourth chap. of the "Rules" shall be amended by inserting at the end of the section after the word "awarded" the words "and in no case shall any medal be awarded in a school for girls." Resolved, That sect. 22, Chap. 1. of the "Regulations" be amended by striking out the words "and the City medals upon the girls."

The resolve respecting the awarding the Franklin medals to the boys was laid upon the table. Franklin medals.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

B. M. Liary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the fourth day of August, A.D. 1847.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs Ayer, Spring, Lord & Curtis.

Ben. Com. Council

Benjamin Seaver, Esquire, who has been elected President of the Common Council, in place of George S. Hillard Esquire, resigned; and as such is ex officio a member of this board, appeared, and took his seat.

Semi annual

returns &

Schedule

Semi annual returns were made by the masters of all the schools except the Eliot School, from which the Secretary made a schedule of the number of pupils, their average attendance, the number of masters, masters & female teachers; also the number of female teachers each school is entitled to have. Read & placed on file.

Quarterly reports

The quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the schools — which reports were read and accepted.

New School in

12 Ward.

The committee appointed "to consider & report on the expediency of establishing another grammar & writing school, within the limits of the 12th ward, and of asking the City government to take measures, at an early day, to secure an eligible site for its location" Reported (as on file) to which were appended resolutions in favor of the same.

Read & laid upon the table, and ordered, that the same be printed.

The family and school monitor, by James Henry
Jr. and the chart accompanying the same Referred to the
committee on books.

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Books

The committee on books, reported
the following, orders viz. Ordered, That "Greene's Grammatical
Chart" be introduced into ~~the~~ all the grammar schools, &
that the sub-committees be authorized to furnish one copy or
more thereof, to each of the schools.

Green's gramat.

Chart.

Ordered, That the Memoria Tech-
nica of Lorenzo D. Johnson, may be introduced into any
school, where the master of the grammar department, & the
sub-committee of the school desire its introduction. Read
accepted, and the orders passed.

Memoria Technica.

Ordered, That from and after the
beginning of the ensuing term, the salary of an usher in
the grammar schools, be eight hundred dollars. The above
order was read and laid upon the table, under the rule.

Ushers' salaries.

The following motion to amend the
regulations was made, read and laid upon the table viz.
[Add to Chapter I. Section 1.] "And a committee upon the
erection, repair and alteration of school houses to consist of three
members." [Add to Chapter IV] "Section 18. It shall be
the duty of the committee upon the erection, repair & alteration
of school houses, early in the month of each January, to ascertain
and consider all applications for new school houses, full repairs
& alterations; to bring such results to the attention of the City gov-
ernment, in season to be incorporated in the annual appropriations.

Rules Reg.

motion -
to amend.

Memorial of John L. Hilton, Father, complaining, that the pupils of the Smith School for colored children, had been overlooked in the distribution of medals and invitations to the annual school festival. And the memorial of H. S. Bowditch, Father, upon the same subject. All referred to the sub-committee of the Smith School.

Eliot Sch.

Master

The Sub-committee on the Eliot School reported, that Edwin Wright, grammar master of said school signified his desire ~~to~~ not to be re-elected, to said office.

New School in

Cove -
Sub-committee

Ordered, That a sub-committee be appointed to the new school on the South Cove, situated on Tyler St. to organize the same, according to the vote of the board; to report a name for said school, and to make such temporary arrangements as may be found necessary for the accommodation of the pupils until the completion of the School house now in the course of erection on Tyler street. Messrs Putnam, Parsons and Brewer, were nominated and appointed the sub-committee of that school.

Vacancies in Sch.
notice to be given.

Ordered, that the Secretary of this board, give the usual notice in the newspapers of the vacancies in the Eliot School, and in the new school, and that applications will be received until the 21st instant.

Examining Com.
New Sch.

Messrs G. B. Emerson, Curtis, M. S. Clarke, & Wrightman - Putnam, Parsons and Brewer, be a committee to examine candidates, for to fill all vacancies in the new school.

Messrs M. G. Clark, Smith, Adams, Barnes

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Simpson, Ayer & Brown, were nominated and appointed to examine all candidates to fill vacancies in the Eliot School.

Examining Committee
School.

The sub-committee of the Smith School nominated S. H. Southwick, as assistant teacher in said school, which nomination was confirmed and she was appointed accordingly.

Smith Sch.

The report of the committee on books was taken from the table, and the following order passed, viz:

Wilmsen's People's
Friend
See printed doc. No. 21.
Reconsidered.
Vide page 128.

Ordered, That at the beginning of the next school year, "Wilmsen's People's Friend" may take the place of the "Signal to popular lessons" - The remaining orders were laid on the table.

The report of the committee on books to whom was referred an order concerning the Philosophical apparatus in the grammar schools - was taken from the table and the order passed, as follows viz: Ordered, That the list of articles, enumerated in the accompanying schedule be the set of Philosophical apparatus for the grammar schools.

Philosophical ap-
paratus
in
gram. Sch.
See printed docu-
ment No. 25.

Ordered, That the sub-committees of the several schools be authorized to make additions to, and changes of, the Philosophical apparatus now in the schools, so that the whole may be in conformity to said schedule.

Whereas a misunderstanding exists upon the part of the sub-committee of the Smith School, and Miss Chloe A. Lee, with regard to her voluntary resignation as a teacher in the Smith school; It is therefore Ordered, that

Smith Sch.
Miss Lee.

120. The usual salary be continued and paid to Miss Loe, until the expiration of the term for which she was elected by this board.

Mayhew sch.

Ordered, That seventy five dollars be paid to Miss Miranda Sherman, for services in the Mayhew school from April 20 to July 20. 1847, as a substitute for Miss Walker, absent on account of sickness.

Brimmer sch.

Ordered, That the usual salary be paid to Miss E. L. Perkins, for her services as teacher in the Brimmer school, for five months from January to June 1847, inclusive.

Endicott sch.

Ordered, That the usual salary of assistant teacher be paid to Miss Almira J. Keith, from June 8th to July 27th 1847, as a substitute for Miss Wight, who was absent on account of sickness, as assistant teacher in the Endicott school.

Smith sch.

Ordered, That the sum of seventy five dollars, be paid to Miss S. A. Southwick, for her services as teacher in the Smith school, for the quarter ending June 30. 1847.

Otis sch.

Ordered, That fifty dollars be paid to Miss Elizabeth Seear, for two months services as assistant teacher in the Otis school, in place of Miss Palmer, absent on account of sickness.

Winthrop sch.

Ordered, That there be paid to Miss Sophia H. Gilman, for services rendered as assistant teacher in the Winthrop school, during the month of July last, during the sickness of one of the female teachers, the sum of twenty five dollars.

The following nominations of assistant teachers 121.
were confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly, viz. Hancock and
Miss Helen M. Johnson, and Miss Hannah S. Austin to fill Bowdoin schools.
vacancies in the Hancock school, & Miss Sarah M. Mitchell in
the Bowdoin school.

Application of Ira Cheever, to be appointed a Cheever
master in one of the schools was referred to the committee
on election of masters.

An order passed, that Miss Helen M. Hancock school
Johnson's salary as assistant teacher in the Hancock school of
pointed in place of Miss Snelling resigned, commence on the 2nd
of March last, that being the day on which she entered upon
her duties. And Miss Hannah S. Austin's salary as as-
sistant teacher in said school, in place of Miss Grier, resigned
commence on the day of February last, that being
the day on which she entered upon her duties. And Miss
Almira J. Keith, be paid the salary of a female teacher, from
April first to May the twentieth, last, for service as teacher
in said school, during the sickness of the master of the
writing department.

Sarah Anne Mitchell was nominated Endicott sch.
and appointed Assistant teacher, to fill a vacancy in the
Endicott school.

Resolved, that the board proceed to the Masters electoral.
election of masters of the several schools, that in such election
the doors be closed. And that no person be elected master
of any school, who shall not receive, at least fourteen votes,
being a majority of the whole board. Messrs. Wightman and
Soule were appointed a committee to receive, sort & count

the votes. The ballots being taken in the following cases, Epes S. Dixwell, was elected master of the Latin School, Hosea H. Lincoln, master of the boys department of the Lyman School - and Aaron L. Ordway, master of the girls department of said school. They having the requisite number of votes.

The election of the remainder was postponed to the next meeting of the board.

The meeting was then adjourned to Friday next, four o'clock, P. M.

Attest, *E. W. Cleary*, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the sixth day of August, D. 1847.

Present,

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs G. B. Emerson, Parsons, Loring, Lord, Adams, Coolidge & M. S. Clarke.

Music instⁿ

Lowell Mason and B. F. Baker, were nominated and appointed instructors in music

Johnson

Dwight Sch.

Ordered, That forty three dollars, and twenty seven cents be paid to Miss Harriet Johnson for services as teacher in the Dwight School, from the tenth day of May, to the first day of July 1847, being seven weeks and three days.

Masters elected.

The board proceeded by ballot to the election of

masters of the grammar and writing schools. The following persons having the requisite number of ballots, each being voted for separately, were declared to be duly elected, viz:

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English High School, Thomas Sherwin master.

Lyman (boys) " Hosea W. Lincoln "

Lyman (girls) " Aaron L. Ordway "

Eliot School - Gram: Levi Conant Writing M.

Edwin Wright, " declined a re-election.

Hancock Sch. " Peter Mackintosh - writing M.

Wm. J. Adams " declined a re-election.

Endicott sch. Geo. Allen, jr. " Loring Lathrop writing M.

Mayhew " Wm. D. Swan " J. D. Philbrick "

Bowdoin " Abia Andrews " James Robinson "

Boylston " Tho. Baker " Charles Kimball "

Adams " Samuel Barnett " Samuel W. Bates "

Franklin " Barnum Field " Nathan Merrill "

Wells " Cornelius Walker " Reuben Swan, Jr. "

Hawes " Fred. Crafts " John A. Harris "

Mather " Josiah A. Stearns " Jon. Battles, Jr. "

Johnson " Rich. G. Parker " Joseph Hale "

Winthrop " Henry Williams, Jr. " Samuel L. Gould "

Brimmer " Joshua Bates " Wm. A. Shepard "

Phillips " Sam. S. Green " Samuel Swan "

Otis " Isaac F. Shepard " Benjamin Drew "

Dwight " George B. Hyde, Master.

Smith " Ambrose Wellington Do.

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The sub-committees of the several schools made the following nominations of ushers, assistant teachers in the several schools hereafter named; the Board confirmed the

Ushers Assist.
Teachers.

Same, and they were appointed accordingly, viz:
Salem school. Francis Gardner, sub master, Timothy D.
 Chambaime, John P. Reynolds and W^m L. Ropes - ushers.
English High. sch. Luther Robinson, sub master, Francis
 S. Williams & Samuel M. Weston, ushers.

Lyman sch. Julia M. Wiggins, Eliza L. Pierce, Mary E.
 Grant, F. L. Prescott, Sarah S. French, M. A. Holmes, M. E.
 Bulfinch. Assistant teachers.

Ellet sch. Caroline W. Carter, Hannah Daman, Lydia F.
 Pool, Anna S. Carter, Eliza L. Felt & Lydia W. Locke.
 Assistant teachers.

✓ Mancocke sch. Adeline Howe, Henrietta L. Pierce, Sarah A.
 Dyke, Sarah E. White Helen M. Johnson, & Hannah S. Austin,
 Assistant teachers.

Endicott. sch. Mary A. Torrin, Angeline A. Brigham, Ann
 M. White, Malvina R. Brigham, Caroline^{at} Keith, and M. P.
 Colsworthy. Assistant teachers.

Mayhew sch. John C. Dore, & Harvey Jewell, ushers, Mary
 J. Walker and Eliza A. West, Assistant teachers.

Bowdoin sch. Mary A. Murdock, Rebecca Lincoln, Caroline
 E. Andrews, Mary S. Robinson, Elizabeth B. Mitchell, Sarah M.
 Mitchell, & Elizabeth P. Snow.

Bowdoin sch. Henry Leaver, usher, Clarinda R. F. Treadwell,
 Matilda Oliver, Susan J. M. Jones, Catharine W. Grover & Mary A.
 Harris, assistant teachers.

✓ Adams sch. Bartholomew Wood & Ira Cheever, ushers, Mary
 A. Brigham, & Mary E. Beck. Assistant teachers.

Franklin sch. Hannah A. Linell, Sarah Ann Gule, Catharine
 T. Simonds, L. A. M. Cushing, Lucy M. Beck and Caroline

A. Green, assistant teachers.

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✓ Wells sch. Wm. H. Swan, usher, Matilda A. Gerry, Caroline E. Housley, Frances A. Collins & Adeline C. Dinsmore, assist. tchrs.

Mawes sch. Charles A. Morrill, usher, Julia M. Barter, Mary E. Clarke, H. Maria Manning,

Assistant teachers.

✓ Mather sch. George T. Angell, usher, Mary A. Moody, Lucy Floyd, Rebecca A. Chipman, Ann J. Drake, & Margaret A. Pease.

✓ Johnson sch. Rebecca P. Barry, Martha E. Town, Mary H. Stoddard, Helen E. Vaux, Mary Jane Danforth & Mary W. Symmes

Assistant teachers. Also Harriet W. Mudge.

Winthrop sch. Charles E. Valentine, usher, E. W. Shelton, Alice E. Reynolds, L. M. Oliver, Mary E. Need, Elizabeth Briggs, Caroline E. Fales, ~~Lydia M. Bowler~~, Assistant teachers.

✓ Brimmer sch. John Butler, & Percival W. Bartlett, ushers, Abby F. Goodridge, ^{Lydia M. Bowler}, Mary A. Collier, assistant teachers.

✓ Phillips sch. Amphion Gates & John M. Colcord, ushers.

Ellen M. Coolidge, & Sarah H. Emerson, assistant teachers.

✓ Otis sch. Joshua R. Lathrop, usher, S. W. J. Copeland, Harriet A. Decker, Emeline French & C. S. Palmer, assist. teachers.

✓ Dwight sch. James A. Page, usher, Caroline G. Woodman, Clara Bulknapp, Frances A. Tyler, Elizabeth Underhill, Charissa Guild, and ~~Adeline A. Fitchman~~, Assistant teachers. * Harriet Johnson - see page 133.

✓ Smith sch. Helen M. James & M. Southwick, assistant teachers.

Voted, to adjourn to such time as shall be designated by the chairmen of the examining committees.

Adjourned.

Attest, E. W. Cleary, Secretary.

30 August

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Monday, the thirtieth day of August, A. D. 1847.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs Brooks, Loring, Hutchinson & Coolidge.

Lord resigns

A communication was rec^d from the Rev. Daniel M. Lord, resigning his seat as a member of this board, he having removed from the City. Read & filed.

Semi annual return.

Semi annual return was rec^d from the Masters of the Eliot school - and placed on file.

Dwight.

Caroline G. Woodman, Clara Belknap, Frances A. Tyler, Elizabeth G. Underhill, Clarissa Guild, & Mary A. Richards were nominated & appointed assistant teachers of the Dwight school.

Quincy sch.

The sub committee of the new school on Tyler street, reported, that the name of said school be "The Quincy School." Read and accepted.

Adams sch.

The sub committee of the Adams school reported, that the new school house is now ready for occupancy.

Masters Candidates - names rec^d & noted.

M^r G. B. Emerson from the committee for the examination of candidates for masters to fill vacancies in the schools, reported, the names of the candidates, who had been examined by said committee, and also the names selected by them as best qualified to be elected.

Adams

Wm J. Adams's communication resigning as master of the Hancock school read & filed.

The report of the committee appointed to 127.
consider and report on the expediency of establishing another New School
~~school~~ grammar and writing school within the limits of the Ward 12.
twelfth Ward, and asking the City government to take measures, Vide City doc.
at an early day, to secure an eligible site for its location. No 32.
Taken from the table and the first resolve that it is ex-
pedient to establish another grammar and writing school with-
in the limits of the 12th ward, was laid on the table.

The second resolve, That the Chairman of this board be
requested to ask the City government to take measures at an
early day to secure an eligible site for the location of a
new school house, within the limits of the 12th ward was adopted.

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested Winthrop &
to obtain from the City government authority for the sub Quincy Sch.
committees of the Winthrop and Quincy schools to make such
temporary provisions for the accommodation of the children in S^d
schools as may be necessary.

Ordered, That Mess^{rs} H. Rail road cars
Emerson, Smith and H. G. Clark, be a committee to inquire
and report whether in any cases within the City, the pas-
sage of children to and from the public schools is rendered
unsafe by the crossing of rail road cars, over the public streets.

Ordered, That the committee heretofore School com.
raised to consider and report what measures may be adopted duties of
to enable this committee to discharge more effectually their various
duties in reference to all the schools under their charge. Be
further ordered, to consider and report what changes, if any,

128. can be advantageously made in the system of instruction of our schools, in order to avoid any neglect of the lower classes by the head master.

The committee who were appointed and instructed as above mentioned, made a report which report was read, accepted, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Conant -
Eliot School.

Ordered, That the sum of forty six dollars and sixteen cents be paid to Miss Caroline H. Conant, for services at the Eliot School in supplying the place of a teacher, absent in consequence of an accident.

Wilkinson's peoples
Friend

The order passed on the fourth day of August last, in relation to the book called "Wilkinson's Peoples Friend" was reconsidered, and the following order was passed, viz: "Ordered, That "Wilkinson's Peoples Friend" may take the place of the "Sequel to popular lessons" provided the publishers shall supply those pupils who have the latter book with that of the former in exchange, without additional cost, in the usual manner.

P. M.

Adjourned to Monday, next, four o'clock

Attest, S. W. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School
committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on
Monday, the ~~sixth~~ day of September, A. D. 1847.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs. Seaver,
Parsons, Brooks, Lord, Curtis, Coolidge, Willman, Cook &
Bosworth.

Petition of Benjamin F. Roberts, pray- Roberts.
ing, that his two children, be admitted as pupils of the
Otis School, and that they forthwith be furnished with the
necessary credentials for such admission; they having been
refused to be admitted into the primary school, by the prim-
ary school committee, within the district where they dwell.
Read & referred to the subcommittee of the Otis School.

The committee appointed to consider Schools-
report, what changes, if any, can be advantageously made changes in.
in the system of instruction of our schools, in order to avoid R. of com.
any neglect of the lower classes, by the head masters made
a report, by which the following recommendations were pro-
posed: 1st That the Quincy school be under the charge
of one head master. 2^d That the Hancock school
be under the charge of one head master. 3^d That the
Eliot School be under the charge of one head master.
4th That we now proceed to fill the vacancies in
the above named schools. 5th That in each of the
other schools, one of the two masters, with an usher
or female assistant, take charge of, and instruct the first
and fourth classes in all the branches taught in the school,

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and that the other master with an usher or female assistant take charge of, and instruct the second & third classes in all the branches; - the salaries of the two masters remaining as at present.

^{6th}
Ordered, That such parts of sections 2.^d & 3.^d Chap. 2.^d of the regulations as require the division of each grammar school into two departments, with a master for each, be suspended in the case of the Mayhew School, in conformity with the foregoing recommendations.

^{7th}
Ordered That the committees on the Mayhew ^{and Quincy} schools be authorized to engage suitable ^{sub}masters for said schools, on the terms prescribed for other assistant teachers. Also to make such other arrangements in said schools as they may deem expedient.

Read, and the first order relating to the Quincy school was adopted, by a unanimous vote.

The second and third orders in relation to the Hancock and Eliot schools, and the fourth & fifth orders were laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Philbrick
Quincy Sch.

Ordered, That J. D. Philbrick writing master of the Mayhew school be transferred to the office of master of the Quincy school.

Allen
Lothrop

Communications were received and read from George Allen, Junr. grammar master of the Endicott school, and Loring Lothrop, writing master of the same school asking that they be transferred to the Hancock school.

Voted to proceed to fill the vacancy in 131.
the Hancock school, by ballot, Messrs Putnam & M. J. Clarke. Hancock Sch.
were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the
votes; said committee reported, that George Allen, Junior
had a majority of votes, and he was chosen grammar master
of said school.

Voted, to proceed to fill the vacancy in Eliot sch
the Eliot school, by ballot, and the above named committee
were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes; - said
committee reported, that William O. Ayres, had a majority
of votes, and he was chosen grammar master of said school.

Voted to proceed to fill the vacancy in Endicott
the Endicott school, by ballot, and the above named committee
were appointed to receive sort and count the votes; said com-
mittee reported, that Caleb B. Metcalf, had a majority of
votes, and he was chosen master of said school.

Ordered, That the salaries for the en- Salaries
suing year shall be as follows, For masters \$ 1500. For
sub-masters in the Mayhew, Quincy & Dwight sch. \$ 1000.
For ushers \$ 800. For female teachers \$ 300; - provided the
salaries of the female teachers shall be \$ 350, where they have
been in the service of the City, ^{or where they have charge of a single room,} at least five years, or may
be employed in teaching either of the two upper classes, if
in the opinion of their sub-committees their services entitle
them to such a distinction. Also ordered, that the ^{salaries of the} masters
and other instructors in the Latin and English High School,
~~and~~ be the same as the last year.

132.
Adams.

Ordered, That the salary of Mr William J. Adams be continued and paid for three months from and after the time that his labours ceased as grammar master of the Hancock School.

Boylston Sch.

Catharine W. Grover was re-appointed as assistant teacher in the Boylston School.

Lyman Sch.

Ordered, That the Mayor be requested to cause the nuisance at present existing in the collar of the Lyman School to be forthwith removed. Adj: to Wednesday the 22^d day of Sept: instant, 4 o'clock, p.m.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the twenty second day of September, D. 1847.
Present.

The Chairman, the whole board, except Messrs H. G. Clark, Barnes, Ayer, T. Emerson, Betton, Brooks, Lord, Coolidge, Wightman and Roswell.

Metcalf -

Endicott Sch.

A communication was received from Caleb B. Metcalf, declining the acceptance of the office of master of the Endicott School, for the reason stated by him, in said communication.

Endicott Sch.

Master

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of master of the Endicott School. Mr. Lord was appointed to receive and count the votes; He reported, that John F. Nourse, had all the votes, and he was unanimously chosen.

Voted, That the two departments of the Endicott School, be henceforth a girls' and a boys' school, exclusively, and that Loring Lothrop the present writing master have charge of the Endicott school for girls, and John T. Nourse of the Endicott school for boys. All the branches required by the rules, to be taught in each department.

133.

Endicott sch.

Motion Ordered, That the boys now attending the Otis School, be transferred to the Mayhew school;— And that the boys now attending the Mayhew school residing north and east of Haymarket square and Union street be transferred to the Endicott school. Read & referred to the sub-committees of the above three schools.

Otis, Mayhew &

Endicott sch.

Ordered, That Charles E. Valentine, be nominated as sub-master of the Quincy School. And Winslow Battles, as sub-master of the Mayhew school. Laid on the table.

Quincy sch.

Ordered, That the sum of eighty six dollars & fifty two cents be paid to Charles E. Valentine for his services as master of the Quincy school for the period of three weeks.

Valentine

The sub-committee of the Dwight school nominated the following persons as ~~female~~ assistant teachers in said school, viz. Clarissa Guild, Clara Belknap, Caroline G. Woodman, Harriet Johnson, Frances A. Tyler and Elizabeth G. Underhill. Which nominations were confirmed and they were appointed accordingly commencing from the beginning of the present school year.

Dwight sch.

Assistant teachers

134.

The nomination of John C. Dore, as usher Mayhew sch. in the Mayhew school, by the sub committee of that school, was confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly.

Books &c.

The committee appointed to consider & report upon the expediency of recommending to the City Council, that the text books and implements of instruction used in the common and primary schools be furnished to them, by the City and at its expense; or any other plan that in the opinion of the said committee may reduce the expense to pupils of said text books, so as to render our common schools more completely free schools — Reported, (as on file) the following order was subjoined viz:

Ordered, That the committee on books be and hereby are directed to carry into execution the 19th Section of the 23rd Chap. of the Revised Statutes in reference to the grammar and writing and primary schools of Boston.

Read, accepted, and ordered to be printed, and one copy to be sent to each member of the City Council.

Eliot sch.

The sub-committee of the Eliot school nominated Miss Martha West, as assistant teacher of said school in place of Miss Lydia F. Pool resigned July 1st 1847. The present nomination to date from that time. Laid upon the table

Adjourned to Thursday, the thirtieth day of September, instant, at four o'clock P. M.

Attest,

H. W. Cary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School
committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall,
on Thursday, the thirtieth day of September. A. D. 1847.

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Present, -

The Chairman: Messrs. Barnes, Simpson, Green, G. B. Emerson,
Belton, Loring, Hutchinson, Brewer, Curtis, M. S. Clarke, Cook
and Rosworth.

A quorum not being present, the meeting
was adjourned.

Attest,

S. F. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School com.^{ee}
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday the eighth
day of October, A. D. 1847. Present, The Chairman & the
whole board except Messrs. Soule, G. B. Emerson, Parsons, Brooks, Hutch-
inson & M. S. Clarke.

On the representation of the sub com- Mayhew Sch.
mittee of the Mayhew School, stating, that on the seventh day of October, instant, an assault with a loaded pistol was
made upon Mr. William D. Swan, the grammar master of
said school, by Charles Crafts, one of its pupils, as at large
set forth in the communication of said sub-committee.

Thereupon,

Ordered, That said Charles
Crafts be, and he is hereby expelled from said school.

The meeting was then adjourned. At. S. F. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the third day of November, A.D. 1847.

Present

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs Barnes, Ayer, Parsons, Brooks, Curtis and Mr. S. Clark

Quarterly rep^{ts}

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the schools, except the Latin and English High School, which reports were accepted.

Bird - &c.
Books.

Communication from J. M. Bird relative to the subject of music books. Ref^d to the committee on books.

Towor's practical reader; - The American Arithmetic, & Jarvis's Physiology were referred to the committee on books.

Prim. Sch. Co

Communication from Joseph W. Ingraham, Chairman of a sub-committee of the Primary School Committee, on the subject of the evils of truancy and vagrancy among the young of our City &c. Read and thereupon ordered, that Messrs F. Emerson, Ayer and Curtis, be a committee to confer with the sub-committee of the primary school committee on these subjects

Roberts

The committee on the Otis School to whom was referred the petition of ~~the~~ Benjamin F. Roberts, Reported, that they have had an interview with Mr. Roberts, & according to his statement, the children in question are not qualified to enter the grammar school. He states that he does not ask for their admission into the Otis grammar school, but into the

primary school kept in the Otis school building. Such being the facts, the committee are of opinion that the case does not come under the special cognizance of this board; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following order. viz.

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Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to present the petition of Benjamin F. Roberts, to the standing committee of the primary school board. Read, accepted & ordered accordingly.

The committee who were appointed to consider and report upon the motion made to transfer the boys now attending the Otis school, to the Mayhew school. And the boys now attending the Mayhew school, & residing north & east of Haymarket square & Union street, be transferred to the Endicott school. - Reported. That said committee are unanimously of opinion, that it is inexpedient at the present time to make such change. - Read & accepted.

Otis, Mayhew
Endicott sch.
on transf. pupils

Ordered, That the centre of D street be the dividing line between the two grammar school districts in South Boston.

District S. Bath

A communication was received from the primary school committee respecting the order changing the age at which pupils are transferred from the primary to the grammar schools, from seven to eight. Referred to the committee appointed to confer with the primary school committee.

Primary sch. age of
pupils

Ordered, That the sum of twenty three dollars be paid to Miss Mary G. Hillman, for four weeks services as teacher, in the Phillips school, on account of the sickness of Miss Coolidge.

Hillman
Phillips sch.

✓ Carter
Wells sch. Ordered, That the sum of sixty dollars be paid to Miss Sarah Carter, for services as teacher in the Wells school, from September 1st to November 3rd 1847 on account of the sickness of Miss Collins.

✓ Swan

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and twenty nine dollars fifty cents, be paid to William W. Swan, being the difference between the salary of a master and that of an usher, for supplying the place of M^{rs} Walker, in the grammar department of the Wells school this term, to October 26th 1847.

Hewins

Quincy sch. Ordered, That twenty three dollars and thirty cents be paid to Miss Esther Hewins, for four weeks services as teacher in the Quincy school.

Johnson

Ordered, That two clocks be furnished to the Johnson school.

Bowler

✓ Brimmer sch. Ordered, That the usual salary be paid to Miss Lydia M. Bowler, for three months services (from June 1st 1847,) as a teacher in the Brimmer school.

Miss Lydia M. Bowler was appointed an assistant teacher in the Quincy school.

Ventilation

Ordered, That the committee on ventilation be instructed to give their immediate attention to the plan of ventilation in preparation in the Quincy school house & confer with the committee on public buildings, as to whether it is the best plan which can be devised.

New sch. houses

Ordered, That the committee on construction of new school houses, be directed to confer with the committee on public buildings, as to the expediency of erecting additional and

sufficient out houses, and ^{the} using the entries for closets, instead of 139
cutting off any portions of the school rooms, for such purposes.

An order to increase the salaries of Misses Mather Sch.
Lloyd and Moody, assistant teachers in the Mather School ^{motion}
was laid on the table.

Ordered, That the usual salary, be Nourse
paid M^r. Nourse, Master of the Endicott School for boys, for Endicott Sch.
ten days services, previous to his appointment as Master, at
the request of the sub-committee of said school.

Miss Flora Merrill was nominated as assistant Lyman Sch.
teacher in the female department of the Lyman School. Which
nomination was confirmed.

The committee appointed to make the an- Grammar Sch.
nual report of the grammar department of the public schools annual report.
made such report which was read and accepted, & it was
thereupon ordered, that said report be printed & distributed
to the inhabitants according to law.

Ordered, That M^r. Levi Adams be paid fifty five Mather Sch.
dollars, for his services as substitute for M^r. Angell, Master, in the = Adams =
Mather school, who was absent for one month and three days, on
account of sickness, during the past quarter.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, four o'clock
P. M. Attest,

E. M. Cleary, Secretary

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the tenth day of November, Anno Domini, 1847.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs Hutchinson, Smith, Brewer, Curtis.

Latin Sch.
A. rep.

The quarterly report of the Latin School was received read & accepted.

Writing Sch.
annual report

The committee appointed to make the annual examination and report upon the writing department of the public schools, made such report, which was read & accepted, and it was thereupon ordered, that said report be printed and distributed to the Inhabitants according to law.

Female teachers'
pay

Ordered, That the rules be so far amended that no female teacher shall receive more than three hundred dollars, per annum. The rule being suspended for the purpose of passing this order.

Smith Sch.
maps & globes

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Smith School may procure for the lower room of that school, suitable maps and globes.

Mather Sch.
maps &c

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Mather School, be and they are hereby authorized to procure suitable ^{outline} maps for said School.

Tower's gradual
reader

Ordered, That each grammar master shall with the concurrence of the sub-committee of his school, introduce, for the reading of his fourth class, Tower's gradual Reader;—provided

That the same can be exchanged for the book now in use, 141.
where the pupils have already bought that book.

The following books were referred to the Books
committee on books, viz. "Chapman's elementary lessons in
drawing" 1.st Primer - 2.^d "Easy lessons" 3.^d "Reading lessons" 4.th
"Selections for reading and speaking" by Joshua Leavitt. "Analysis
of Geography," by Sylvester Bliss.

The following order appended to No. 38. Books
City documents, was taken from the table and was passed
vz. Ordered, That the committee on books be, and
thereby are directed to carry into execution the nineteenth sec-
tion of the twenty-third chapter of the revised Statutes, in re-
ference to the grammar and writing, and primary schools of
Boston.

The following resolve and order were read, Schools Committee
Comm.
laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for the use
of the members of this board. Resolved, That it is expedient
for the school committee to elect annually, by ballot, an
Executive committee of three, who shall devote their whole
time & attention to a general supervision of the schools; - the
location, structure & alteration of school houses; - To securing a
more general & prompt attendance of the children; - and to
whatever else that may have a tendency to create or promote
the general welfare of the schools. (The most of which duties
are particularly pointed out in the able report on the "More
effective action of the school committee" dated August 30. 1847,
and signed Geo. B. Emerson) Two at least of this committee

shall be members of this board when they are elected for the first time; and each shall be a member of this board ex officio, if not otherwise. And that each be paid a fair compensation for his services.

Ordered, That _____ be a committee to procure the necessary legal advice to ascertain whether this board has the power to carry out the foregoing resolutions, & if not, the most expedient and proper course to be pursued to obtain it, and report.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday, the ninth day of December, A. D. 1847.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs. Seaver, Ayer, Hutchinson, Curtis and Mr. S. Clarke.

Robinson.

Petition of James Robinson, master of the writing department of the Bowdoin school, that he may be permitted to use the "American Arithmetic," published by John P. Jewell & Co. instead of the second & third parts of the North American Arithmetic. Ref. to the com. on books.

The sub committee of the Quincy School res A113.
pectfully report, in addition to their former report - Quincy Sch.
Pursuant to public notice, an examination of applicants for Teachers No.
the situations of female assistants in the Quincy school, was
made on the twentieth of November last. More than forty
applicants for examination from which number, the committee
have selected Miss Sarah G. Hay, Miss Josephine L. Tucker,
Miss Amarah B. Coffin and Miss S. C. Simonds; to supply
the immediate wants of the school in this respect.

The committee have been somewhat embarrassed in their se-
lections, in consequence of the rescinding, by this board, of an
order passed by it, fixing the salaries of certain female assistants,
at the sum of \$350; several applicants of well known fitness &
capacity, having withdrawn their applications on this account.

The constantly increasing number of the boys attending the
Quincy school, demands further immediate accommodations, as it
is apparent, that the new school house will not be completed
before the first of April next. This position of the school, &
the changes in it by reason of the withdrawal of old, & the
substitution of new teachers render some action necessary on the
part of the board; and the committee would therefore submit
the following orders, viz:

Ordered, That the committee on public buildings
be desired to procure some additional room for the accommodation
of the scholars in the Quincy school.

Ordered, That the appointment of Charles E. Valentine
as an assistant teacher in the Quincy school, be confirmed, and
that the sum of \$250 be paid to him for one quarter's salary
due the first day of December instant.

144.
Quincy Sch.

Ordered, That the appointment of Benj. W. Putnam, as master of the Quincy school be confirmed, and that the sum of \$87.50, be paid to him for services, up to the first day of December instant.

Ordered, That Miss Sarah G. Hay, Miss Josephine L. Tucker, Miss Hannah B. Coffin, and Miss S. C. Simond, be appointed assistant teachers in the Quincy school, subject to the usual term of probation.

Ordered, That the sum of \$75, be paid to Miss Sophia A. Gilman, for services as assistant teacher in the Quincy school, for three months.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty five dollars, be paid to Miss Lydia A. Bowler, for services as assistant teacher in the Quincy school, for one month.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Quincy school, be authorized to purchase outline maps, for the use of the school; provided the expence does not exceed \$75.

Read, accepted and the orders passed.

Lyman Sch.
Assistant teacher

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred & thirty eight dollars & thirty three cents be paid to Miss Flora G. Merrill for services from May 18th to November 3rd five months & sixteen days, which she was on probation as assistant teacher in the Lyman school for girls.

Ordered, That the sum of eleven dollars, & fifty five cents, be paid to Miss Lucy A. Wiggins, for services two weeks in November last, as substitute for Miss Sarah S. French in the Lyman School for boys.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the sum of six dollars & twenty five cents 145.
be paid to Miss Sarah Carter, for services in the Wells school, Wells Sch.
as teacher for one quarter of a month.

Ordered, That twelve dollars be paid to Miss Harlow, Smith Sch.
for services in the Smith school, for half a month.

Ordered, That the salary as instructress, for two Johnson Sch.
months ending with the last day of November 1847, be paid
to Miss Almira Seymour, an instructress, in the Johnson school
for that time.

The committee on the Otis School nominate Otis Sch.
Miss Miranda Sherman, an assistant teacher in said school.

Ordered, That Miss Miranda Sherman, be
paid the quarter's salary due her, on the first of December 1847
for services in the Otis school.

The committee on the Mayhew School nomi- Mayhew Sch.
inate M^r Winslow Battles, as sub-master and Misses Elizabeth
D. Moulton, and Ann B. Moulton, assistant teachers in said
School.

Ordered, That M^r Winslow Battles and Misses Elizabeth Mayhew Sch.
D. and Ann B. Moulton, be paid the salaries due them on the
first of December 1847, for services in the Mayhew school.

Ordered, That Miss Martha B. Kent, be paid at the Eliot Sch.
usual rate, for three months services, from September 1. 1847, in
the grammar department of the Eliot school, as temporary
assistant teacher.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Miss West, of the Eliot school be paid the usual salary of an assistant teacher, for the period of two months ending November 30. 1847.

Eliot sch. The sub committee of the Eliot school nominate Miss Martha B. Kent, as an assistant teacher in the place of Miss Locke resigned.

Winthrop sch. The committee of the Winthrop school, submit the following in addition to their last quarterly report. Since the last quarterly meeting, the school has once more been restored to the building in East street. The advantages that have been anticipated from the improvements in the building, & the new arrangements in the school have been more than realized. The masters and all the teachers thus far express themselves highly gratified by the changes, a fine spirit has been aroused among the pupils, the interest of the parents is perceptibly awakened & many are sending their children to the school who were before unwilling. The committee regard the school as in a promising & rapidly advancing condition.

Miss Caroline E. Fales, who was selected by the sub committee as a teacher has after a trial of three months, given satisfactory evidence of her value. We feel that the school has secured in her a prize of no ordinary value, and cordially recommend her for confirmation.

The teachers labour under much inconvenience for the want of a sufficient number of desks to supply each room. The committee ask that this want may be supplied. They are also in want of outline ~~maps~~ other maps, & of a globe. We therefore ask for

the passage of the accompanying orders. VVZ.

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Ordered, That Miss Caroline E. Fales be paid the usual quarterly salary, for services rendered in the Winthrop school.

Ordered, That the committee of the Winthrop school be authorized to procure outline and other maps; provided the expense of the same shall not exceed seventy five dollars. Six clocks and a globe, for the use of said school.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Winthrop school be authorized to make such temporary organization and arrangements, substantially similar to the present organization of the Lyman school, as they may deem requisite and required by the arrangement of the building, the wishes of the teachers, pupils and parents, in the best interest of the school.

Ordered, That the nomination of Miss Caroline E. Fales be confirmed as a teacher in the Winthrop school from the 1st instant. The foregoing report was accepted, and the orders passed as amended, and said nomination was confirmed.

Resolved, That the board of School committee Ventilation hereby request the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council to cause to be adopted for the Hancock, Bowdoin and Quincy School houses the mode of ventilation marked on the plans of the Hancock school house, by the committee on ventilation appointed at this board, and furnaces of the kind recently placed in the Dwight school house. This request being grounded on the fact, that the new methods of heating and ventilating the school house are known by experiment to be good, while the method threatened for said three schools is also known with certainty, to be wasteful of money, injurious to health and dangerous to life.

The foregoing resolves passed by a unanimous vote.

Ventilation

The committee on ventilation made a report, to which was subjoined the following orders, viz:

Ordered, That the mode of ventilation and heating specified in the foregoing report, be and hereby are recommended, to the City government, for the use of the Boston schools.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make an appropriation of \$3500; the said sum or such part of it as may be necessary to complete the ventilation of the school houses; subject to the order of the sub-committee of the school committee upon the ventilation of school houses. —

The report was read, accepted and the orders passed by a unanimous vote. And five hundred copies were ordered to be printed.

Parker's outlines of history

Ordered, That Parker's outlines of history be introduced into the public schools in the place of Worcester's history; — provided, that the publishers agree to exchange for those in use at present.

Adjourned to Wednesday, the 22^d day of Dec^r instant, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest, S. F. McLeary, Secretary

149.

At a meeting of the School committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the
twenty second day of December, D. 1847.

Present:

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs. Smith,
Putnam, Leavitt, and M. S. Clarke.

A communication was received from Messrs. Bryant
and Harman, stating, that unfair representations were made
at the last meeting of this board in regard to their furnaces
which were in use in several of the school houses; and asking
for an examination into the facts. Read & laid upon the table.

Bryant & Harman.
furnaces

Ordered, That Messrs. Wightman, Soule and Brooks be
a committee to examine and report to this board, the facts in
relation to closing and wedging up the cold air box, of one of
the furnaces of the Mayhew school.

Mayhew sch.
furnace

Ordered, That the sub-committees of the several schools,
be authorized to procure Loring's twelve inch Terrestrial globes
on metal stands, for the use of the grammar department of
those schools not already supplied.

Globes.

Ordered, That whenever any sub-master, usher or
female assistant shall hereafter be nominated to any of the
grammar schools, subject to the usual probation, they shall be
considered entitled to the usual compensation, to commence with
the time of their entering upon their duties, and the City Auditor
is hereby authorized to pay them accordingly.

Sub masters &
ushers & teachers.
pay.

The following order was read, and referred to the next board, viz: Ordered, That the "common school Physiology" by Calvin Cutler, be introduced as a text book in the schools for girls; and that the "First lessons in human Physiology" by John H. Griscom, be introduced as a text book in the schools for boys, and in the mixed schools.

Dwight sch.

Ordered, That an usher be appointed for the boys department of the Dwight School.

Pages

Dwight Sch.
sub master

Ordered, That the usual salary be paid to Mr. James A. Page, as sub master in the Dwight school, from the date of his appointment by this board, viz: Aug. 1. 1847.

Hawes sch.

Ordered, That Miss Mary E. Chadwick be and hereby is appointed assistant teacher in the Hawes school, in place of Miss Mary Ann Burnum resigned.

Hancock sch.

Ordered, That Miss Mary A. Lewis, be paid the usual salary of a female teacher for services in the Hancock school from the first day of October last, in place of Miss Howe, deceased.

Franklin sch.

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars be paid to Miss Catherine T. Simonds, in addition to her salary as assistant in the Franklin school, for extra services for six months from July 1. 1847. Miss Simonds having had charge of the writing department for that time, in consequence of the sickness of the master.

Franklin sch.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to

Miss Ann Frances Nardon as assistant teacher in the Franklin 151.
School, during two months, from the commencement of her services.

Adj. to Wednesday

The annual reports of the committees & Annual reports.
The grammar and writing schools were accepted and ordered
to be distributed agreeably to the standing vote upon those subjects.

Adjourned to Wednesday, next, December,
29th 1847. four o'clock, P. M.

Attest, S. F. McLeary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of
the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the
twenty ninth day of December, D. 1847.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs. Seaver,
Smith, Ayer, Putnam, Brewer, Curtis & M. S. Clarke.

Ordered, That in consequence of the death of Mr. Henry Seaver, late usher in the Boylston Sch.
of Mr. Henry Seaver, late usher in the Boylston school, and
in consideration of his having faithfully discharged his duties in
that situation for more than five years; that six months
salary in addition to the present quarter be paid to his widow.
The foregoing order passed by a unanimous vote.

The committee to whom was referred an order to examine and report to this board the facts in relation to the furnaces, Mayhew Sch.

152. wedging up the cold air box, of one of the furnaces of the Mayhew School house. Reported as on file, Read & accepted and thereupon ordered that the recommendation therein contained be adopted, and that the report be printed.

Bygent Herman
to votes.

The memorial of Messrs. Bryant & Herman stating that unfair representation had been made in regard to their furnaces which were in use in several of the school houses, and asking an examination into the facts, was taken from the table and considered - and after a discussion upon the subject, the following preamble and order were passed by a unanimous

Dr. Clark

vote. Viz: Whereas, by the directions of Doctor H. G. Clark, the inventor of the ventilating stoves; said stoves in such numbers as were required by the ventilating committee were furnished to the City at manufacturers' prices only, and without any pecuniary profit to the inventor - Voted, That the thanks of this board be and hereby are tendered to Doctor Clark, for his disinterested and liberal procedure.

Ventilation

Ordered, That the committee on ventilation be instructed to append to their late report on ventilation such parts of their previous reports on the same subject, and such special directions to the masters as they may think advantageous.

Books

Mr. Loring submitted a report relative to the purchase of school books, which with the accompanying papers was introduced to the next board. Also the order to introduce Fowler's Practical reader, into the grammar schools, was referred to the next board.

Ordered, That there be paid to the Sec- 153.
retary of this board, three hundred dollars, for his services Secretary
during the current year.

Ordered, That there be paid to the Messenger Messenger
of this board, one hundred and fifty dollars, for his
services during the current year.

On motion of Doctor Green, Chairman

Ordered, That the Thanks to
thanks of this committee be given to His Honor, the Mayor,
for the ability, impartiality and courtesy with which he has
discharged, during the last year, the arduous duties devolving
upon him as Chairman of this board.

To which the Chairman made a
suitable address in reply to the same.

The board was then adjourned without day.

Attest,

W. W. Cleary,

Secretary.

Medals awarded in 1847.

Latin

Henry W. Haynes

Edward Aiken

Lucius H. Buckingham

English High

C. Alexander

L. H. Haynes

T. C. Curtis

C. H. Annidown

J. A. Howe

H. H. Curtis.

Primmer

William B. Williams

William A. Cary

Mac S. Fisher

Charles H. Clark

Isaac S. Gray

George M. Goodridge

Dwight

Oliver M. Bradford

Bela S. Fisk

George H. Allan

Chit

William Wirt Chipman

George W. E. Copeland

John E. Davis

Samuel Dorey

Warren P. Lincoln

George M. Chilson

Phillips

John A. Davis

John A. French

James L. Ball

Samuel Mulliken

Charles Nye

Henry M. Forrestall

Endicott

Frederick A. Marden

George W. Keith

William H. Truney

Wes

William H. W. Hinds

Vason W. Goodidge

William W. Rhoades

Adams

William H. Hoyle
Edward A. Roberts
George W. Hagden
George W. Sprague
Charles W. Sprague
William E. West,

Hayden

James S. Sney.
Charles Andrews
John H. Searl
William H. Whitmore
George S. Ball
John S. S. Searl.

Lyman

George W. Cobb
John Wesley Russell
George S. Ames

Register

Joseph W. Merriam
James P. Brewer
John S. Searl, Jr.

Mason

George W. Bail
George Mason
William Park

Mathew

Charles F. Allen, Jr.
Charles R. Sumner
Richard F. Sumner

Smith

Charles C. Bridge
Benjamin H. Scott.
(Mary Barker.)

1853 The Medals were awarded to him in 1847.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the twelfth day of January, A. 1848.

The following gentlemen compose the school committee the present year.

Josiah Quincy, Junior, Mayor, Chairman.

Benjamin Seaver, President of the Common Council.

From the wards.

Ward No. 1. Rev. Sebastian Streeter, & John Spence, Junior.

" " 2. James H. Barnes & James Ayer.

" " 3. Rollin H. Neale & Edw.^d D. G. Palmer.

" " 4. George B. Emerson & Richard Soule, Junior.

" " 5. Frederick Emerson & Ninian C. Betton.

" " 6. Sampson Reed & John Codman.

" " 7. Rev. Charles Brooks & Rev. Geo. W. Blagden.

" " 8. Benjamin Willis, Junr. & Benjamin E. Bates.

" " 9. Thomas M. Brewer & Edward Wigglesworth.

" " 10. Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge & Arthur Pickering.

" " 11. Joseph M. Wightman & Rev. Samuel B. Craft.

" " 12. Rev. Geo. W. Bosworth & Samuel H. Jenks.

All the above named gentlemen appeared and took their seats, except M.^r Coolidge.

The board was called to order by the Mayor who by the rules is ex officio Chairman.

Rules Regul^{ms}

Ordered, That the rules & regulations of the School committee of the last year be and they are hereby adopted, to remain in force until the further order of this board. Also the rules & orders for the government of the members when in session.

Mr. Pickering was appointed a committee 157.
to receive, sort & count the votes for Secretary; - said committee Secretary
reported, that the whole number of ballots was twenty, all of which
were for Samuel F. McLeary, who was unanimously chosen.

Johnson Colby was nominated & appointed Messenger
messenger of the board.

The following sub or visiting committees were sub. com^{ees}
nominated and appointed, viz:

Latin, The Mayor,	English High, Mep. G. B. Emerson
Mep. Wigglesworth,	Betton,
Codman,	Wightman,
Reed &	Blagden, &
Cruft.	Pickering,
Lyman, Mep. Soule,	Eliot - Mep. Ayer,
Barnes, &	Streeter &
Spence.	Palmer.
Endicott, Mep. Streeter	Hancock, Mep. Barnes,
Barnes &	Neale &
Spence.	Spence.
Mayhew, Mep. Neale,	Bowdoin, Mep. Reed,
Soule &	G. B. Emerson, &
Codman.	Brewer.
Boylston, Mep. Bates.	Adams, Mep. Blagden,
Rosworth &	Brooks &
Willis.	Bates.
Franklin, Mep. Coolidge, Cook &	Wells, Mep. Betton, F. Emerson
Wightman.	& Palmer.

158. Hawes, Mep.^s Bosworth,
 Trunks &
 Bates.
 Johnson, Mep.^s Brooks
 Pickering &
 Brewer.
 Otis, Mep.^s Palmer,
 Ayer &
 F. Emerson.
 Phillips, Mep.^s Lodman,
 Bolton &
 Streeter?
 Quincy, Mep.^s Brewer,
 Wigglesworth &
 Neale.
 Mather, Mep.^s Trunks,
 Bosworth &
 Willis.
 Winthrop, Mep.^s Brewer,
 Coolidge &
 Wigglesworth.
 Brimmer, Mep.^s Wightman,
 Pickering, &
 Craft.
 Dwight, Mep.^s Craft,
 Wightman &
 Pickering.
 Smith, Mep.^s Neale,
 Coolidge &
 Soule.

Books, Prim. Sch. Committee on Books, Mep.^s G. B. Emerson, Neale, Craft
 Music Blagden, & Trunks. Committee to confer with the Primary
 School committee - Mep.^s F. Emerson, Ayer and Palmer.
 Committee on Music. Mep.^s Brooks, Coolidge & Willis.

Sch. houses

Ordered, that Mep.^s Barnes, G. B. Emerson, &
 Brooks, be a committee on erection, alteration & ventilation of
 School houses.

Approp.^s

Ordered, that the sub committees be requested to
 ascertain what amount of money will be required to be
 appropriated for the use of their respective schools, exclusive
 of fuel, for the next financial ^{year}. Also the number of seats
 in each school house; to report at the next quarterly
 meeting.

John W. Stone	N. Albrecht	O. B. Messenger
Leah B. Child	Thomas Wilder	Henry S. Bowditch
William Stone	Samuel B. Kuthall	Henry Burroughs
John W. Stone	Frederick W. Fenton	George M. Raudale
Leah B. Child	John F. Dingley	A. A. Watson
William Stone	John W. Stone	John W. Stone
Samuel B. Kuthall	William Dall	Oliver Carter
William C. Blodgett	Leah B. Child	Alvan Simonds
William Stone	John W. Stone	Albert J. Wright
Charles L. F. Allen	Leah B. Child	John W. Stone
Charles Allen	Frederick W. Fenton	John D. Richardson
John W. Stone	Frederick W. Fenton	Henry Homer
John W. Stone	William S. Fenton	Ambrose Davis
William Butter	John W. Stone	Samuel J. Perkins
Stephen Jones	Frederick W. Fenton	George Merrill
John W. Stone	William S. Fenton	George R. Simpson
Charles Allen	Henry R. Andrews	Stephen Tucker
Edmund Jackson	John W. Stone	John W. Stone
	Frederick W. Fenton	

Prim. Sch. com.

Resolved

that the Primary School committee

to fill vacancies. And they hereby are authorized to organize their body and regulate their proceedings as they may deem most convenient: and to fill all vacancies occurring in the same and to remove any of their members at their discretion during the ensuing year: and that this board will cheerfully receive from said committee such communications as they may have occasion to make -

The foregoing resolves

passed.

The following orders were offered by Mr. Brooks 161.

Mr. II. Ordered, That the committee on School Houses be directed Smith sch. to examine the Smith School House, and report on the expediency of enlarging it, or of building a new one.

III. Ordered, That the report of a committee of the last Books-board, on a new mode of supplying the schools with books, be referred to the present committee on books with instructions to carry into execution the plan therein proposed as soon as circumstances will allow.

IV. Ordered, That instruction in singing be given in each Singing department of those schools, where the departments have each a separate and independent organization.

V. Ordered, That a committee of — be appointed to Superintendent report what action this board should take respecting the appointment of a Superintendent of our public schools as recommended by His Honor the Mayor in his last inaugural address.

VI. Ordered, That a committee of — be appointed to Schools attend^{ce} inquire what this board can & should do, towards securing the steady attendance, in our public schools, of all those children who are not instructed in private schools.

VII. Ordered, That a committee of — be appointed Schools organiz^{ation} to inquire if there can be devised, for our grammar schools uniform a uniform system of organization, less expensive and more efficient than the one now existing. Said organization to be introduced after the vacation in August next.

VIII. Ordered, That a committee of — be appointed to Studies report what new arrangement of studies should be introduced into our public schools.

The first order respecting the Smith School was

162. was adopted, and the other orders were laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the members of this board.

Rules Reg'd.

The following amendments and additions were made to the rules and regulations ^{they} were adopted, viz: "Add to Chapter I, these words:—"and a committee on the erection, alteration and ventilation of school houses, to consist of three members." Add to Chapter II, a new section as follows:—"Section 18. It shall be the duty of the committee on the erection, alteration and ventilation of school houses, early in the month of January, to ascertain & consider all applications for the erection of new school houses, and all repairs and alterations, and to bring such wants to the attention of the City government in season to be incorporated with the annual appropriations."

Quincy, sch.

home

Ordered, That the committee on the erection of school houses take into consideration the building now in the process of erection for the Quincy school to ascertain, if any, and what alterations may be desirable in its present plan in reference to ventilation, the arrangement of the seats, the use of the central portion of the entries for closets and erection of additional out buildings.

Hawes school

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Hawes school be authorized so to modify the arrangement of said school that hereafter the girls' department shall be under the charge of one of the head masters; and the boys department under the charge of the other; each head master retaining the assistant teachers which belong respectively to his division of the school.

Ordered, That such parts of sections 2.^d & 16.^d Chap II of 163.
the regulations as are violated by the above new arrangement
be and hereby are suspended as to their application to the
Slaves school. The foregoing orders passed, two thirds of the
members present voting to suspend the rules for that purpose.

Ordered, That Mess.^{rs} G. B. Emerson, School new
Wigglesworth and Soule, be a committee to ascertain how organization of,
far it may be desirable and expedient to organize any of
the grammar and writing schools upon the present plan of the
Lyman, Endicott and Winthrop schools.

Ordered, That the report of a committee of Books
the last board on a new mode of supplying the schools with
books, be referred to the present committee on books, with in-
struction to carry into execution the plan therein proposed, as soon
as circumstances will allow.

Ordered, That instruction in Singing
singing be given in each department of those schools where the
departments have each a separate & independent organization.

Ordered, That Mess.^{rs} Codman, Betton and Rules Regul.
Basworth be a committee to take the rules of the School com-
mittee, and the regulations of the public schools, together with the
supplement thereto, and arrange the same into one body or code
of rules and regulations.

Ordered, That the sum of sixty nine Brown
dollars and twenty three cents be paid to Miss Harriet L.
Brown, for services in the Phillips school, as a substitute for
Miss Coolidge, sick.

Sch. Library.

Ordered, That the Chairman of this board be requested to ask the City Council to appropriate one hundred dollars, to each of the grammar schools, for the purpose of forming therein a library; and that he also be requested to take such measures as may be necessary to secure to the schools of the City the benefits of the Law of the Commonwealth, passed March 3. 1842; to the end that a like sum of one hundred dollars may be obtained for each of the grammar schools, for the purpose of forming a common school library.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

S. F. McLeary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the second day of February, A. 1848.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board of School committee except Messrs Seaver and Bates.

Book com^{ee}

The Rev. Mr. Blagden was excused at his own request from serving on the committee on books.

Quarterly reports

The sub-committees of the several schools made their reports which were read & accepted.

The publishers of the "Gradual lessons in grammar" offer the same for the consideration of the school committee. Grammar
committee.

Communication was received from R. G. Parker's outlines
Parker, author of outlines of history, stating that the pub- History
lishers accede to the vote of the school committee in supplying the
pupils with the same in exchange for Worcester's history -
Referred to the committee on books

Ordered, That any author or publisher, of Books on manner
proposing a book to be introduced into the grammar schools, to Introduction
the exclusion of any other book already in use, shall be required
to furnish the book committee with a written explanation of
the advantages, which he conceives this book to possess; and if
on examination by the committee, it should be found so far
superior in their judgment as to render it advisable to supersede
the one already in use, they shall so report to this board. But
if it should not appear to them decidedly advantageous to make
the change, the committee shall likewise report to the board, that
all applications may be definitely disposed of.

Ordered, That no new book shall be intro-
duced, or change made in the studies of the schools, except at the
commencement of the schools after the August vacation. Reconsidered
Laid upon the table.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the seven. Globes
at schools be authorized to procure Loring's twelve inch ter-
restrial Globes, on metal stands, for the use of the grammar
department of those schools, not already supplied. Referred to
the committee on books.

The following order was referred to the committee
 Morris Geography. On books. 1821. Ordered, That the first class in the Hancock
 School be permitted to use Morris's Geography and Atlas.

Baker's music

Ordered, That "Baker's Elementary Music book be
 introduced as a text book, into those schools over which M^r. B.
 F. Baker is superintendent; - provided the old music books
 now in use in those schools shall be exchanged, without cost
 for the new ones.

High Sch. for girls.

Ordered, That Mess^{rs} J^rmes. G. B. Emerson
 and Soule be a committee to consider the expediency of establish-
 ing a High School for girls; that said committee have power
 to report such details and estimates in relation thereto, as in their
 judgment may seem proper; and that they be requested to pre-
 sent the result of their deliberations in the premises, at the next
 quarterly meeting of this board.

Dwight Sch.

Ordered, That the usual salary be paid to
 Miss Martha Mann for four and a half weeks services as
 teacher in the Dwight School, as substitute on account of indispo-
 sition of the Master.

Phillips Sch.

Ordered, That there be paid A. Gates
 for extra services in the grammar department of the Phillips
 School one hundred & seventy five dollars.

Phillips Sch.

Ordered, That there be paid to Sarah
 Barnard, for ten weeks services in the grammar department
 of the Phillips School, sixty six dollars, and sixty six cents.

Ordered, That the usual salary be paid 16⁷/₈ to Miss Ann Frances Harden, for one month's services as teacher Franklin sch. in the Franklin school. ✓

Ordered, That one month's extra pay Quincy sch. be granted to Miss Kay, for services rendered in the Quincy school. ✓

The committee on changes in the organiza- Johnson sch. tion of the grammar & writing schools, have had under consideration a change in the arrangement & organization of the Johnson School; recommended, at the request of the Masters, by the committee of that school of the last board, & carried out by the present committee on that school, and ask leave to report, that they find the change which is made in the plan already adopted in the Winthrop school, to be very agreeable to both the Masters, & promises to make the discipline & instruction of the school more easy, & more pleasant & effectual & they see no important objection likely to be made to it; they would therefore recommend that the change be confirmed by this board. Read, & accepted, and the doings in relation to said school be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Ordered, That the appointment of Miss Hancock sch. Mary A. Lewis, as assistant teacher in the Hancock school in place of Miss Howe, deceased, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Ordered, That the recommendations of the Boylston sch. sub-committee of the Boylston school in relation to the improvement of the building be referred to the standing committee on School houses, who will report the estimates for the alterations suggested, at their earliest convenience. Sep. 171.

Grammar schools

The following orders offered by the Rev. Mr. Brooks were read and laid upon the table.

Ordered, That from & after the next August vacation the following modification shall be made in the organization of the grammar schools, to wit:— The system of departments with two masters as now existing, shall be abolished, & instead thereof, each of the schools where two departments now exist together, shall be divided into two schools wholly distinct & separate from each other. In each of the mixed schools, there shall be a school for boys, and a school for girls. In each of the unmixed schools, one half of the oldest & most advanced pupils shall constitute the first school, & the remainder shall constitute the second school.

Moral instruction

Ordered, That a committee of — be appointed to report upon the best method of securing to all the pupils of our grammar schools, that moral instruction, which is required by the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Otis school

Memorial of the master of the Otis school respecting interruption of the school occasioned, ~~occasioned~~ by noises ~~in~~ other evils and nuisances in its vicinity. Read and referred to the committee on erection, alteration and ventilation of school houses.

City medals

The following order was read laid upon the table viz:
Ordered, That a com.^{ee} of three, be appointed to take into consideration & report upon the expediency of restoring the City medals, to the girls schools, & of introducing a system of prizes for the encouragement of the pupils in all the studies in the grammar schools, as recommended by the com.^{ee} on the writing dept. in the last, annual report.

The Committee on the erection 169.

allocation & ventilation of School Houses, Quincy sch.
having been directed by a vote of this board house
to take into consideration the Building now
in process of Erection for the Quincy School,
to ascertain, if any, and what alterations
may be desirable in its present plan, in
reference to ventilation, the arrangement
of the Seats, the use of the central portion
of the entries for closets, and erection of
additional out buildings - ask leave to
Report. That they made a careful exam-
ination of said house and found several
alterations that were not only desirable
but some of them very necessary to be made.
The proposed alterations were principally
in the plan for heating, ventilating & closets.
The most of which appear on a Sketch
of a plan made by your Committee,
& delivered to the Building Committee
of the City Council, together with the
oral opinion of your Committee on the
Subject, And with a request that said
alterations be made at once, as the expen-
ses would be trifling if made then, which
would not be the case if made after the
house was completed. - A meeting of that
Committee was held at the said School
House to consider the expediency of making

170. the proposed alterations, but yet have arrived at no definite conclusion on the subject. Therefore your Committee are induced to ask for the passage of the following order, for the Committee J. H. Barnes Chairman. Ordered, That the Building Committee of the City Council be requested to make such alterations in the house now in process of erection for the Quincy School as may be desired by the Standing Committee of this Board "on the Erection, Alteration, & Ventilation of the Quincy School House" and under their direction.

The foregoing report was read & accepted, & the order passed.

Rules & Regulations

Report on.

The Committee who were instructed to take the rules of the School Committee, and the regulations of the public schools together with the Supplement thereto, and arranging the same in one body or code of rules and regulations - made a report which was laid on the table, & ordered to be printed with blank leaves for the members of the School Committee.

Music.

The Committee on Music by Rev Mr Brooks Chairman made a report which was read laid upon the Table & ordered

to be printed.

The Sub Committee of the Boylston Sch.
Boylston School are informed that the subject ^{house -} on altering
of providing that School with recitation
rooms has been favourably considered by
the general committee, and that some direct
movements for that object had been made the
past year. The Committee are glad to find
that has been the case, for on examining
into the State of this School House, they
find no accommodations of this kind that
is worthy of the School, indeed the rooms
used for recitations are in no respect
fit for the purpose. The Committee beg
leave to urge this subject upon the fur-
ther consideration of the general Committee,
and likewise to suggest that they highly
approve of the arrangements for the above
purposes, as contained in the Winthrop School
in East Street. - And respectfully recom-
mend that plan to be adopted for the
Boylston School House. Ordered. That the
recommendations of the Sub Committee
of the Boylston School in relation to the
improvement of the building be referred
to the Standing Committee on School
Houses who will report the estimate for the
alterations suggested, at their earliest
convenience.

172. Ordered, That the appointment of Miss Mary
in Jan. 1847. A. Lewis as assistant teacher in the Hancock School in place
of Miss Howe deceased, be & is hereby confirmed.

Mayhew Sch. Miss Elizabeth T. Hopkins was nominated as
asst. teacher assistant teacher in the Mayhew School.

Adjourned to Wednesday the sixteenth day of
February, instant, at four o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

Edw. C. Crary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the
City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday the 16th
day of February, A. D. 1848.

Present.

The whole board except the Chairman, and Messrs Streeter, Palmer,
Soule, Reed, Blagden & Coolidge.

The Chairman being absent, Mr. Seaver,
President of the Common Council presided.

Semi annual
Return. The Secretary exhibited an abstract of the semi
annual returns of the grammar and writing schools, and a
sketch showing the number of teachers employed in each school.
Read & filed.

Swan, Dal
Telegraphic wires. Pet. of Reuben Swan, Junior and others, school
masters, that a room be provided for the pupils of the first

Class of schools for boys and girls, to hear two lectures by Mr. 173.
Highman on the mode of communication by means of electricity
on telegraphic wires. Read and granted, and thereupon ordered,
that Messrs. Spencer, Jenks, and Willis, be a committee to car-
ry the same into effect.

Ordered, That the rules relative Stoves, furnaces &c.
to the use of the stoves, furnaces and ~~ventilators~~ ventiducts
in the grammar schools, contained on page 39th of the
printed report of the ventilation committee, (appendix A)
be printed, and a copy thereof sent to each teacher in the
grammar schools.

The committee on the structure, al Otis School house
location and ventilation of school houses, to whom was re-
ferred the petition of the grammar master of the Otis school,
calling the attention of this board to the "interruption of work and
nuisance consequent upon the noise in the immediate vicinity of
the school" have carefully considered the subject and ask
leave to report - The Otis School House is situated
in Lancaster, near to Canisway St., & when there is no
snow on the ground, there is a continued rattling
of carriages in both of these streets, as also in Merrimac
& Lowell Streets which are hard by. There are also
in the immediate vicinity of this school many mech-
anical shops, some of them containing steam engines,
and all of them sending forth more or less noise. -
And there is a pump standing in the girls yard
close to, & at about the middle of the northerly
end of the School House which is continually in
operation during School hours. & is very annoying

174. All of which noises are very troublesome & detrimental to the well being of this School. The yard used by the girls of this School, originally not half so large as it should have been, has been divided by placing a fence across it, and giving that portion of it including the pump to the use of certain individuals not connected with the School. By what authority this has been, this Committee are not informed, But presume it to have been done by the Committee on Public Buildings or the former Superintendent of the same. However this may have been it is certain that this nuisance and obstruction, should at once be abated and removed, and your committee are of opinion that the Sub Committee on this School have full power in the premises. But to avoid collision with any other branch of the City Government, advise that all of these grievances be referred to the proper Comtee of the City Council. Should these Comtee decline acting on the premises, which is not to be presumed, the Subject can then be considered by the Sub Comtee on the School or by the whole Board. The noise from the pump may be stopped by confining its use to the School, and the yard restored to its original size by removing the fence that divides it, and having proper fastenings on the outer gate. The noise from vehicles in the Streets may be considerably diminished by paving the Streets in the vicinity of this house.

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with granite blocks - But this Committee are unable
to discover a remedy for the noise from the Mechan-
ical Shops. To this must be patiently submitted to
so long as the occupants of the same find it
necessary in carrying on their business, and the School
continues to occupy its present location. An evil
exists in the School House of greater magnitude
than either of the above, and therefore requires
a more prompt remedy, & that is the gas generated
by the coal in the furnace which is used for
heating the upper School room. This was so
insufferable in the upper room, that one of
the Committee while there to examine the house
was obliged to seek relief at the bottom of an
open window, although the tops of several
of the windows were, & are constantly kept
open. The gas probably escapes through cracks
in the furnace, or joints in the smoke pipe
which is of sheet iron. The apparatus used for
heating & ventilating this house are very im-
perfect, as it is, the house is warmed, or wo-
uld be, could the windows be kept closed.
with a very small quantity of highly heated
air, about one sixth part of the quantity
that should be supplied of air moderately
heated, therefore the necessary quantity of
pure air must be supplied through the
tops of the windows, as the only alternative.
a practice very prejudicial to the health &

176. & well being of the School. The apparatus used for carrying off the impure air, with a little alteration, would answer, provided that the apparatus for supplying warm air were more perfect and constructed on Scientific principles. the passage of the following orders is recommended.

Ordered. That the Committee of the City Council on Public Buildings be requested to cause the apparatus used for heating the upper story of the Otis School House to be repaired & put in order, & that the same Comtee be also requested to cause the Fence which divides the Yard originally provided for the use of the girls of said School to be removed, and to prohibit the use of the pump standing in said yard, to any person except those belonging to the School.

Ordered. That the Committee of the City Council on paving, be requested to cause the Streets in the vicinity of the Otis School House to be paved with granite blocks, as soon, as in their opinion it may be expedient.

Read, accepted, and the orders passed.

Books

Mr G. B. Emerson, from the Committee on Books, reported two orders; the first, for supplying all the grammar Schools with Pelton's outline maps, Peck's Map of Massachusetts, and such Maps of Mitchell's series as may be thought necessary

by the sub committee, provided the whole expense 177.
for illustrations of this character shall not exceed
\$37. for each school; and the second, that each
master, if he desires it, be furnished with the
chart by James Henry, Jr, called the Family and
School Monitor, and one copy of Hayland's Moral
Science. These orders were laid on the table.

Ordered. That the amount of Eliot school
one quarters salary be paid to Miss Martha West, West
who has resigned her situation as Teacher in the
Eliot School on account of sickness.

Ordered. That the amount of Eliot sch
one quarters salary be divided between Miss Teachers
Locke, Miss Eliza Hanscomb and Miss Caroline
Conant - to be paid to them in proportion to
their respective terms of service in the Eliot
School, in the absence of Miss West.

Ordered. That the sum of Twelve, Winthrop Sch.
Dollars be paid from the City Treasury to Miss
Harriet Brown, for services rendered in the
Winthrop School during the illness of the Master.

The Rev. Mr. Bosworth announced the death of Miss Clark - Thompson

Ordered. That the sum of Thirty Haver School
four dollars be allowed Miss Ann E. Dearborn for six
weeks services in the Haver School, in the place of
Miss Mary E. Clark, during her recent sickness.

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Hawes school.
Clark.

Ordered, That in consideration of the most constant & faithful services of Miss Mary E. Clark, who has been an Assistant Teacher in the Hawes School for more than eight years previous to her death, which occurred on the 9th inst., the extra sum _____ of Seventy five dollars, it being the amount of one year's salary - be allowed to her widowed mother, on her account.

City medals &
prizes.

Ordered, That Mess^{rs} Wightman, Streeter and Wigglesworth, be a committee, to take into consideration & report, the expediency of restoring the "City Medals" to the girls' schools, and of introducing a system of prizes for the encouragement of the pupils in all the classes in the grammar schools, as recommended by the committee on the writing department, in the last annual report. The foregoing order was taken from the table and passed.

Finance

Ordered, That Mess^{rs} Emerson, Jenks & Blagden be a committee to confer with the primary school committee on the subject of finance.

Quincy school

A communication was received from the building committee of the City Council in relation to the construction of the Quincy School house in answer to the communication of this board dated February, 2^d 1848. - Read and placed on file. Read & thereupon ordered, that this board will view said school house, whenever the chairman, will fix the time.

Communication of Mr. Wightman in relation

to a room in the Quincy school house for a primary school, was referred to the sub-committee of that school. 179.

The orders respecting the manner of the Books.
introduction of books into the public schools, by authors or publishers, as recited on page 165, was reconsidered and laid upon the table.

The board took into consideration the Rules, Rules & Regul^{ns}
of the School committee and Regulations of the public schools, as modified and reported by the sub-committee appointed for that purpose, and after a discussion upon the subject and several amendments made, the same was laid upon the table.

Adjourned to Wednesday, the 23^d inst^{ant},
at four o'clock P. M.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday,
the twenty third day of February, A. D. 1848.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Mess^{rs} Peaver,
Ayer, Palmer, Soule, F. Emerson, Bates, Brewster & Cruff.

M^r Bolton from the sub-committee of the Wells Scho.
Wells school made a report upon the subject of alleged cruel
corporal punishment, in said school, to the effect that upon

180. investigation, the committee had found but few cases of punishment, within the last six months, that no corporal punishment had been inflicted upon any girl until three admonitions had failed to produce compliance with duty and then only to the extent of one slap with a ruler weighing seven trachants avoirdupois. The female teachers were all of opinion that no unnecessary punishment had been inflicted or were of undue severity, and in this opinion all the pupils in the first division concurred. Read and placed on file.

Music

The report of the committee on Music was taken from the table, and after discussion, the same was again laid upon the table.

Books

W^m G. B. Emerson from the committee on books made the following report, viz: The committee on books have unanimously instructed me, to report the following orders, to the consideration of the board.—

Ordered, That Allen A. Wells' English grammar be introduced into the grammar schools, in place of Gould Brown's First Lines of English grammar; and that Greene's Analysis of the English language may be introduced, at the discretion of the masters, in place of Gould Brown's Institutes of Grammar.

Ordered, That Frederick A. Adams's Arithmetic in two parts, and James Robinson's Arithmetic may be introduced, at the discretion of the Master.

Ordered, That the first book of Anatomy & Physiology, by Calvin Cutler be forthwith introduced into the schools for girls, and that the same may be introduced into the schools for boys.

at the discretion of the Master—

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Ordered, That the study of drawing may be introduced into any grammar school; and Chapman's American drawing book may be introduced in his branch, at the discretion of the Master, acting with the advice of the sub-committee. For the Committee. Geo. B. Emerson.

The foregoing orders were read ~~by~~ ^{by} recom-
mitted to the same committee.

The consideration of the report of the Rules Reg^{ns} committee on Rules and Regulations was resumed, several amendments were adopted, and the report as amended was recommitteed to the committee who made the report, and to the Committee on books with instruction to insert such books to be studied; and so to alter the language of the rules and regulations as to render it uniform in its phraseology.

Mr. Wightman was nominated and ap^{ointed} ^{Book} com^{mittee} pointed a member of the Committee on books, in place of the Rev. Mr. Blagden, who was excused from serving on said committee, at his own request.

Adjourned to Wednesday, the eighth day of March next, four o'clock, P. M.

Attest, J. W. Cleary, Secretary.

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At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the eighth day of March, A. D. 1848.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs. Seaver, Soule, F. Emerson, & Bates, —

Books.

Mr G. B. Emerson, from the committee on books made a report exhibiting a list of books and schedule of the course of studies to be pursued by the several classes. it also recommended that plain sewing may be introduced into the third and fourth classes. Several amendments were made to said report, viz. by substituting Wells's grammar in place of Weld's grammar; Robinson's arithmetic in place of the North American arithmetic, part third; and Roswell C. Smith's geography in place of Bliss's analysis. The report was accepted as amended; and the committee on the revision of the Rules and regulations were instructed to insert the books among the rules of the School committee. —

Books not of introduction.

Ordered, That whenever a school book is to be introduced into a school, to the exclusion of another in use; it shall be on condition that the publisher shall exchange it for the old one without ~~extra~~ cost, to those pupils who may be provided with the latter.

Ordered, That all books with the exception of Cutler's Physiology, after the present year adopted, by the board shall be introduced at the commencement of the schools, ~~which is in~~ after the summer vacation, and publishers are required to have the exchange made in all the schools at the same time.

Quincy school —
Miss Lydie

Miss Lydia Hanson was nominated as assistant teacher in the Quincy School, subject to the usual probation.

Mr Barnes from the committee on the — 183.

structure, alteration and ventilation of school houses, having been Smith sch.
directed by an order of this board "to examine the Smith school
house, and report on the expediency of enlarging it, or of build-
ing a new one" — made a report; to which was appended
the following orders viz:

Ordered, That the City Council be request-
ed to make alterations and repairs in the Smith school house
and furnish it anew, in conformity to the ground plan, & the three
floor plans of the proposed alterations herewith submitted in
accordance with suggestions contained in the report of the com-
mittee of this board, on the structure, alteration and ventilation
of school houses on this subject, whole expense not to exceed Six
thousand dollars.

Ordered, That the committee to confer with Primary schools.
the primary school committee, be requested to ascertain whether ^{removal of}
an amicable arrangement can be made with said primary school
committee to discontinue the two schools for coloured children
under their charge, which are near to the Smith school, by
placing the children of the said two schools with their teachers
in the Smith school — and report. Read, accepted and the
orders passed.

Ordered, That the committee of con- Primary schools-
ference of this board be requested to confer with the ⁱⁿ Gram. sch. buildings.
primary school board, respecting the adoption of some
plan, by which the objections against having primary
schools, in the grammar school buildings may be ob-
viated, if necessary, and report at the next quarterly meet-
ing of this board. —

184.

Hightman —

Telegraphic wires

The Committee to whom was referred the request of Reuben Swan and others for the delivery of two lectures by Joseph H. Hightman on the mode of communicating between two distant places by means of electricity on Telegraphic wires, beg leave to submit the following Report. In accordance with the views of the petitioners, and the expressed opinions of the members of the board, the Masonic Temple was engaged for the purpose. For the sake of convenience, and to operate as a check upon the indiscriminate admission of applicants, twelve hundred tickets to the lectures were issued, a portion of which was sent in the first instance to the girls composing the first classes of the several Grammar Schools. Tickets were also sent to the Primary School Teachers, to each member of the board, and also to the Joint Committee on the Telegraphic Wires, on the part of the Council and Board of Aldermen. The first lecture was delivered before the girls on the afternoon of Saturday February 26th the audience numbering Six Hundred and fifty, about one hundred of which were Primary School Teachers. The second lecture upon the Telegraph was delivered on the following Wednesday afternoon, March 1st before Five Hundred boys belonging to the first classes. It was then thought best by the Committee, to extend the invitation to the lecture to the young men, members of the English High

and Latin Schools, and accordingly the Temple 185.
was engaged for the evening of Wednesday, March
1st which was attended with expense, and a
lecture was delivered before two or three hundred
of the Scholars of these Schools, and others invited
by the Committee. There were then present on
the occasion of the delivery of the three lec-
tures fourteen hundred persons, and the interest
in these lectures was evident in the marked
attention given and the delight at times man-
ifested. And well might the attention be en-
chained, and delight exhibited, for the Telegraph
- that silent highway of thought - is a golden
and electric chain threading cities and states,
and by it distant minds hold converse. In
concluding this brief report, the Committee
would recommend the following resolution, for
adoption by the Board:

Resolved. That the Grammar
Board tender their thanks to Joseph H. Nightman,
for his highly successful, interesting and in-
structive lectures upon the Telegraph, recently
delivered before the first classes of the Grammar,
English High and Latin Schools.

all of which is respectfully Submitted,

By the Committee

John Spence Jr

Sam^l H Jenks

Benjⁿ Willis Jr.

The foregoing report was read & accepted,
and the resolution passed.

186.

Telegraphs

Ordered, That the sum of eighteen dollars be granted to defray the expenses attendant upon the delivery of the lectures explanatory of the operation of the Telegraph.

Smith sch.

Ordered, That the sum of seventy five dollars be paid to M^r Oliver Willington, for one quarter's services as an assistant teacher in the Smith School.

Hancock Sch.

Ordered, That Miss Caroline A. Leonard be paid the usual salary of a female teacher for two weeks services in the Hancock School, in place of Miss Mary A. Lewis absent on account of sickness.

Endicott Sch.

Ordered, That the usual pay of an assistant teacher, be allowed to Miss Jane Pierson, for one month's services in the boys department of the Endicott School ending the twentieth ultimo;— Miss Pierson was employed as substitute for Miss Mary A. Torrey, who was called from the school by the sickness and death of her mother.

Music

The report of the committee on music was taken up, and after discussion was recommitted to the same committee, who reported the same.

Appropriations

Resolved, That this board will not hereafter vote appropriations of money for any purposes except those immediately connected with the business & duties of instruction.

Schools - recep.

Ordered, That the schools have a recep. on Friday afternoon next, on account of the funeral services of the late John Quincy Adams.

Ordered, That Smith's quarto geog- 187.
raphy be used in the schools instead of Bliff's analysis Smith's Geo.
of geography.

The consideration of the report of the Rules Reg^{us}
committee on Rules and Regulations was resumed; several
amendments were adopted; and the report as amended
was adopted, and the committee which reported the same
was instructed to insert the amendments in the report.

Appendix - See p 8. Document. no. 25. Books.

Orders adopted by the Board but not incor- appendix to rules
porated in the Rules and Regulations. Philo- Regulations.
sophical Apparatus. Introduction of Books.

1. Any author or publisher offering a book
to be introduced into the Grammar Schools to
the exclusion of another book already in use,
shall be required to furnish the Book. Com-
mittee with a written statement of the ad-
vantages which the book is presumed to
possess; and if on an examination by the com-
mittee it should be found so far superior
in their judgement, as to render it advisable
to supersede the one already in use, they shall
so report to this Board. But if it should
not appear to them decidedly advantageous
to make the change, the Committee shall
likewise Report to the Board, that all
applications may be definitely disposed
of. 2. Whenever a new book is pro-

188. forced to be introduced into the Schools, to the exclusion of another already in use, it shall be on the condition, that the Publisher will exchange the former, without cost to those pupils who may have been provided with the latter.

3. Books adopted by the Board, shall be introduced at the commencement of the Schools, after the August vacation, and publishers are required to have the exchange made in all the Schools at the same time.

Primary Sch. pupils
from.

Ordered, That no scholars be admitted into the grammar schools from the primary schools without a permit from a member of the primary school committee. Passed, and the committee on revision of the rules & orders were instructed to insert the same among the rules.

Adjourned to Wednesday, the twenty second day of March, instant, at four o'clock p.m.

Attest.

J. M. Cleary, Secretary

At a meeting of the School committee 189.
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday,
the twenty second day of March, A.D. 1848.

Present—

The whole board except the Mayor and Mess^{rs} Barnes,
Palmer, Soule, F. Emerson, and Brewer. In the absence of
the Mayor, Benjamin Seaver, Esquire, President of the Common
Council presided.

Ordered, That the sum of eighty five Brimmer sch.
dollars, be paid to Ambrose A. Ranney, for services in the Ranney.
Brimmer School, for five weeks and two days during the
illness of the master of the writing department.

The committee on the erection, repairs Hawes sch.
and ventilation of school houses, made a report, proposing cer- house
tain alterations in the Hawes school house, to which was sub-
joined the following order—viz:— Ordered, That the City
Council be respectfully requested to make such alterations
to the Hawes school house, as are proposed in the above
report, and plans accompanying it; the whole expense for
which, not to exceed fourteen hundred dollars.

Petition of the masters of the Phillips Phillips sch.
School, to have the yard of said school house repaired. Ref.^d house.
to the committee on the alteration, erection & ventilation of school
houses.

Petition of the pupils of the Latin & English high sch.^s Latin & High Sch.
to have the vacation, in the months of May & June lengthened to two weeks
as formerly. Ref.^d to Mess^{rs} Blagden, Spence, & Wigglesworth.

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South Boston
new sch. h.

Resolved, That a new school house will be needed in South Boston, within one year.

Superintendent
of
Schools

The following motion was made and laid upon the table, viz: Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the City government, on their action on the subject of a Superintendent of the Boston Schools, and with the committee on Education in the Legislature when they shall have the subject of Superintendents of schools under consideration.

Worcester's dict.

Ordered, That a copy of Worcester's large dictionary be furnished to each department of the schools, to be kept as a book of reference, if the same can be done at an expense not exceeding two dollars fifty cents a copy.

Tower's-
Readers

Ordered, That Tower's practical reader be introduced, as a reading book in the 2.^d class.

Ordered, That the above reader be immediately introduced, whereon a reading book in the second class in any school is now wanted.

Ordered, That "Tower's Gradual Reader" be permitted to be retained in those schools into which it has already been introduced.

Eliot School

Ordered, That the committee on the erection, alteration & ventilation of school houses be instructed to examine the Eliot School house, in reference to its ventilation & recitation rooms; and report to this board.

Ordered, That the grammar schools be al- 191.
lowed a teacher for every fifty five scholars on the lists; & Teachers
that a new female assistant may be appointed, so soon as ^{to be} appointed.
There may be thirty scholars above a full complement for
the teachers already in the School.

Ordered, That whenever the list of scholars Teachers -
in any department shall comprise thirty less than the num- ^{to be} dismissed
ber required for the full complements of the teachers em-
ployed, one female assistant shall be removed from that de-
partment.

The report of the committee appointed to Rules Regul.^{ns}
revise the rules Regulations, was reconsidered; and sundry
amendments were made, and the committee were instructed to in-
corporate therein, the amendments adopted, and the said committee
were authorized to alter the phraseology, so far as to make it
correspond with the report of the committee already made.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Rules to be
rules and regulations of this board be printed for the use printed.
of the board and the teachers.

Adjourned to Wednesday, the fifth day
of April next, four o'clock, P. M.

Attest: J. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the fifth day of April, A. 1848.

Present,

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs Seaver, Barns, Ayer, Adams, Sibley, Bates, Brewer, & Coolidge.

School return

The annual return of the School Committee which is required to be made, & returned to the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was made out and signed by a majority of the members of this board; and the certificate which is required to be made under oath was sworn to; — the oath being administered by Samuel F. McCleary, a Justice of the peace, in and for the County of Suffolk. The return was ordered to be delivered into the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, together with the annual report of the School Committee, which was printed and distributed to the Inhabitants, according to law.

Latin & Eng. high
Schools

The committee to whom was referred the petition from the pupils of the Latin and English High Schools, to have the vacations in said schools lengthened, in the months of May and June, reported, as on file, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Read and accepted.

Mather sch.

Petition of Charles C. Southard, & others; and of Emily W. Loring, and others, pupils of the Mather School, ^{for a vacation,} during the last two days of the week ending 8th of April instanc. Read & not granted.

Ordered, That the sum of nine dollars, 193.
and eighty six cents be paid to Miss Christina E. Clarke, Mayhew Sch.
for her services as assistant in the Mayhew School, in the
place of Miss E. D. Moulton who was temporarily incapaci-
tated by illness.

Ordered, That seventy five dollars be paid Endicott Sch.
to Miss Almira J. Keith, for one quarter's services as a
teacher in the Endicott School for girls, as substitute for Miss
Ann M. Wright, during a severe illness.

On motion of Mr. Brooks, the following Sup^t of Schools.
order, passed, viz: Ordered, That the Chairman of this
board, be requested to ask the City government to take
such measures, as in their wisdom may seem best, to se-
cure the appointment of a Superintendent of our public schools.
Mr. Pickering moved a reconsideration of the last vote.
Which motion was laid upon the table.

Mr. Brooks moved, that an order be Music-
passed, that instruction be given in music to the primary
school teachers on the first and third Wednesday, in each
month by Mess^{rs} Mason and Baker. Referred to the com-
mittee appointed by this board to confer with that of the
primary school committee.

Mr. Wigglesworth presented a com- Bryant & Herman
munication from Mess^{rs} Bryant and Herman, in relation to
their furnaces, ventilation &c. Which communication was
referred to Mess^{rs} Wigglesworth, Wrightman, & Pickering,
to consider and report.

194. Ordered, That Sec. 21. of Chap. II. of the Rules & Reg^{ns} Regulations be amended, by introducing after "Geometry as a amended. text book" the words "Algebra, with Sherwin's School Algebra as a text book."

Ordered, That Sec. 19 of Chap. II of the regulations be amended by striking out the word boys in the second line.

Phil. apparatus.

On motion of M^r Frederick Emerson
Ordered, That in all School buildings, where there are two separate schools, a complete set of Wightman's Philosophical apparatus be furnished to each of them.

Adjourned to Tuesday the eleventh day of April, next, at four o'clock, P. M.

Attest, F. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the eleventh day of April, A. D. 1848.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board except Mess^{rs} Seaver, Soule, and Brewer, & Bosworth.

Wells School.

On motion of M^r F. Emerson,
Ordered, That the committee of this board, having supervision of school houses, be requested to examine the Wells school, & report what repairs ought to be made to the same, whether recitation rooms ought to be added thereto.

Ordered, That Allen M. Weld's grammar 195.
be the text book for grammar in all the ~~schools~~ ^{clases}, except Regulations
the first, in the grammar schools. amended.

Ordered, That the words "Wells's English gram-
mar" be stricken out of the Regulations in Chap. 2. Sec. 19.th
^{line 9th} Also "Goold Brown's first lines of English grammar or" from the
same Chap. and section, line 13th

Ordered, That the first day of May, or
if this come on the sabbath, the monday following be made
a holyday, for the pupils of the schools, for this year only.

The alterations of the Regulations were made
as above, three fourths of the members present voting to suspend
the rule for that purpose.

The motion made at the last meeting of Sup^r of
this board by M^r Pickering, to reconsider the vote upon the Schools
order respecting the appointment of a Superintendent of the pub-
lic schools, was taken up and reconsidered. M^r Pickering
made a motion to amend said order; which motion he after-
ward withdrew. M^r Reed then moved to amend said order
by striking out all after the word "ordered" and inserting the
following, viz^t "That the City government be requested to take the
proper steps, to procure from the Legislature, the enactment of a law,
whereby one or more superintendents, (not to exceed three,) of the pub-
lic schools of Boston, may be appointed, to be elected by this board,
and whose duties and salary or salaries shall be defined by it."

Without taking the question, the board adjourned to Wed-
nesday, the nineteenth day of April instant, four o'clock p.m.

Attest, F. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday the nineteenth day of April, A. 1858.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Seaver, Ayer, Soule, Bates & Brewer.

Messrs. Bryant & Herman

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Messrs. Bryant & Herman, complaining of the course adopted in relation to their furnaces, used in warming school houses, reported (as on file) Upon which after a careful investigation, they came to the conclusion that no unfairness has been exhibited or practiced towards Messrs. Bryant and Herman in relation to said subject. The report was read and accepted, and placed on file.

Sup^r of Schools.

The board resumed the consideration of the proposed ^{order offered} at the last meeting of this board, on the subject of requesting the City Council to petition the Legislature for power to appoint one or more superintendents of the public schools; on the question of the proposed amendment—Ten voted for, and ten against ~~said~~ the same. The Chairman then gave his casting vote in favor of said amendment, & the same passed in the affirmative. The order being amended passed in the affirmative as follows viz:—“Ordered, That the City government be requested to take the proper steps, to procure from the Legislature, the enactment of a Law, whereby one or more Superintendents of the public schools of Boston, not exceeding three may be appointed.

to be elected by this board and whose duties and salary 197
or salaries shall be defined by it." On passing said order
as amended ten voted for, and ten against the same.

The Chairman voted in the affirmative; so said order passed as amended.

Mr. Godman moved that the last vote be
reconsidered; which motion prevailed and the same was
reconsidered; and the whole subject was laid upon the table.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest

S. F. McEary, Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the third day of May, A. D. 1848.

Present-

The Chairman, and the whole board ~~of the Schools~~, except Messrs Seaver, Barnes, Palmer, Soule, Brewer, Coolidge.

Quarterly reports

The subcommittees of all the Schools, except the Hancock School, made their quarterly reports which were read and accepted.

Hawes sch.

The sub-committee of the Hawes school announced the death of Miss Mary E. Chadwick one of the assistant teachers, who had been in the service only about six months. In account of the great increase of pupils, the com^{tee} nominated the following assistant teachers in said school viz^t Misses M. C. Jenks; C. M. Burnham & Harriet R. Talbot. Miss Ann Dearborn ~~they~~ having served the usual term of probation, she was appointed ~~accordingly~~, an assistant teacher in said school.

Hawes sch.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty dollars be allowed Miss M. C. Jenks, for services as assistant teacher in the Hawes school in place of Miss M. E. Chadwick during her sickness.

Matthea sch.

Ordered, That Miss Elizabeth B. Reynolds be and hereby is appointed an assistant teacher in the Matthea school she having served in that capacity during the term prescribed by the regulations.

Endicott sch.

Miss Almira J. Keith was nominated and appointed an assistant teacher in the Endicott

School for girls in place of Miss Wight resigned, she having 199.
served the usual term of probation.

Ordered, That the usual pay of an usher Quincy sch.
in the English grammar and writing schools be allowed to
Mr James O. Brown, for five weeks and three days of service
in the Quincy school, during the illness of the usher & the
principal of that school.

Ordered, That Messrs G. B. Emerson, Annual report.
& F. Emerson and Wightman, be a committee to report at the
next meeting of this board, the best mode of making the
annual report of the School committee.

The committee appointed by an order of High sch. for
this board on the second day of February, last, to consider girls.
the expediency of establishing a High School for girls; that
said committee have power to report such details and estimates
in relation thereto, as in their judgment may seem proper;
and that they be requested to present the result of their
deliberations in the premises, to the present quarterly meeting
of this board - Said committee made a report which was
read and laid upon the table, and ordered to be
printed.

Adjourned to Wednesday, next, four o'clock

P. M.

Attest,

E. W. Cleary, Secretary

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the tenth day of May, A. D. 1848.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Seaver, Ayer, Soule, Brooks, Bates, Brewer, Horust.

Quarterly rep.

The sub-committee of the Hancock School, made their quarterly report, due the last meeting. Read & accepted.

Annual rep.

The Committee chosen to report upon the best mode of making the annual examination of the Grammar Schools have attended to that duty and, Report,

That they recommend the suspension of the first two sentences of Sec. 13. Chap. VI, of the Rules and the adoption of the following order, viz: Ordered: That a Committee of Seven be appointed to make the annual examination of the Grammar Schools in all the departments, and that this Committee may divide itself into two or more Sub Committees as they may think most expedient.

This Committee shall in May or June visit all the Grammar Schools and carefully examine the pupils of the first class, in all the studies prescribed by the regulations for the first, second & third classes in order to ascertain the condition of the Schools and the

ability & faithfulness of the masters, and they 201.
shall report previously to the annual election
of the Instructors. That the Committee shall
hear each one of the masters examine his
pupils in at least two of the Studies, and
shall personally conduct the examination
in all the other Studies; that printed questions
not fewer than three, nor more than six
for any one study shall be prepared on
History, Geography, Grammar, Language, Arith-
metic & Natural Philosophy, which shall,
on the same half day, be laid by the ex-
amining Committee, or by the Sub Committees on
the Schools; before the pupils of the first
class, and written answers shall be given by
not fewer than one twentieth part of the
pupils in each School, that these answers
shall be examined by the Sub Committees
on each School, and after being marked as
right, ~~or~~ wrong or incomplete, shall be trans-
mitted with the marks annexed, to the
Examining Committee for their examination
all which is respectfully submitted,

for the Committee
Geo. B. Emerson, Chairman.

The foregoing report was read and accepted
and Messrs Codman, Craft, Spence, Wigglesworth,
Jenks, Coolidge and Pickering, were appointed on
said committee.

Ordered, That the committee of conference
 Grammar sch^s of this board, be requested to confer with the primary
 on transferring pop board and adopt some plan by which the irregularity
 of transferring the primary school children to the grammar
 schools may be corrected.

Pub. sch. pupils in;

Ordered, That no child be admitted to the
 public schools of the City of Boston, whose parents, if living,
 do not reside, or pay taxes in said City; nor if the parents
 be not living, unless the master or guardian resides in said
 City.

Books, on
 introduction

Ordered, That books adopted by this board,
 which by the rule shall be introduced at the commence-
 ment of the school, after the August vacation, may be in-
 troduced at once by the sub-committee of any school, when-
 ever a whole ~~school~~ section of the school shall require a
 change; subject to the rule on exchange of books.

Boylston sch.
 house

The committee on the structure, alteration and
 ventilation of school houses, to whom was referred the communi-
 cation of the sub-committee on the Boylston school, complain-
 ing of the house occupied by this school, & suggesting alterations &
 repairs, similar to those recently made in the Winthrop school
 house, made a report, to which was subjoined the following
 order, viz. Ordered, That the City Council be requested to
 make such alteration and repairs in the Boylston school house
 as are shewn by the plans and specifications accom-
 panying this order, and bearing the same date. Read, accepted
 and the order passed.

The committee on Music made a 203.
Report - which was read and after discussion, the following Music
order was passed, viz. Ordered, That in those schools which
have two separate & independent departments, there may be introduc-
ed a second piano; and musical instruction may be given in each
department, to the two upper classes; for such new instruction the
Superintendent shall receive for each department, the sum of eighty
dollars, per annum, pianos included. The remainder of the re-
port was laid upon the table.

Adjourned to Wednesday next,
4 o'clock p.m. Attest: E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday,
the seventeenth day of May, A. D. 1848.
Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs Seaver,
Spencer, Barnes, Neale, Soule, Bates, Crafts & Bosworth.

The Rev. Mr. Coolidge was excused at Annual examⁿ &
his own request from serving on the committee for the annual Report.
examination of the several grammar and writing schools, & Mr.
Willis was appointed in his place.

The committee to whom was referred an City medals
order to take into consideration, the expediency of restoring the
City medals to the girls schools, and of introducing a system
of prizes for the encouragement of the pupils in all the classes
in the grammar schools as recommended by the committee on
to females.

204 The writing department in the last annual report - Report
ed (as on file) which was read. ~~Mr. Codman moved~~
~~an additional order, to be received and adopted by the~~
~~committee, to be added to the second order appended to~~
~~said report.~~ The whole subject was laid upon the
table, and ordered to be printed.

Regulations -
amended.

On motion of Mr. Wightman, the 28 § of the 1st
Chapter of the regulations was amended, the rules being sus-
pended for that purpose by a unanimous vote. said section
as amended now reads as follows - Sec. 28. No pupil whose
parents or guardian reside in the City, shall be admitted to, or
retained in any school, except that for the district in which
such pupil resides, without the written consent of the sub-
committees, both of the school to which the pupil belongs, & of
that to which admission is sought, - Provided, that no teacher
shall be required, prior to the close of the school year to dis-
charge, against the wish of parents, children belonging to the
first class, who may remove from the district, of the school.

East Boston

Ordered, That the committee on the building
new school house and repairs of school houses, be requested to confer with the City
government on the subject of the erection of a new school house
in East Boston.

Pike.

Ordered, That the sum of seventy five dollars be
paid to Mr. Frances M. Pike, for one quarter's
services in the Bowdoin school, during the illness of Miss
Mitchell an assistant instructor in said school.

The report of the committee on the sub- 205
ject of establishing one or more High Schools, for girls High Schools
was taken up from the table, and after discussion the whole for
girls -
subject was recommitted, to the same committee who reported
the same, to report such plan and estimates as may be
required upon the establishment of such school or schools.

Doctor Spence was appointed in place of M^r. Soule, who
is absent in Europe. W^m. G. B. Emerson was at his own
request excused from serving on said committee, and M^r.
Barnes was appointed in his place.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, four o'clock.
P. M. Attest, S. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday,
the twenty fourth day of May, D. 1848.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board except M^{rs}. ~~Spencer~~
Ayer, Soule, Reed, Codman, Bates, & Brewer.

Ordered, That Miss Lucy A. Wiggins be paid Lyman sch.
thirty four dollars & sixty cents, for six weeks services as assistant
teacher in the Lyman school in place of Miss Nickerson & Miss
Merrill both absent on account of sickness.

Ordered, That Miss Mary A. Carter be paid
seventeen dollars & thirty cents for three weeks services as assistant

206' teacher in the Lyman School in place of Miss Reed absent on account of sickness.

Boylston sch.

Ordered, That forty two dollars be paid to Miss H. A. Lawrence, for seven weeks services from March 15th to May 3rd 1848, in supplying the place of Miss Freadwell, a teacher in the Boylston school, who was obliged to absent herself from the school, on account of the small pox, being in her father's family, and she being herself slightly affected ~~her~~ by it.

Music

On motion of W^m Brooks, the orders submitted by him, relative to teaching music in the schools were taken up and read, several motions to amend were made & withdrawn. On the amendment proposed, that music be taught to the first and second classes only. The yeas and nays being required were taken as follows viz. Yeas - Mess^{rs}: Spence, Ayer, Palmer, F. Emerson, Bolton, Pickering, Wightman & Bosworth 8. Nays - Miss^{es}: Quincy, Seaver, Streetor, Barnes, Neale, G. B. Emerson, Brooks, Blagden, Willis, Wigglesworth, Coolidge, Craft & Jenkins. 13.

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On the question of passing said orders as originally reported, the yeas and nays being required were taken as follows, viz. Yeas - Miss^{es}: Quincy, Seaver, Streetor, Barnes, Ayer, Neale, G. B. Emerson, Brooks, Blagden, Willis, Wigglesworth, Coolidge, Craft, & Jenkins. 14. Nays - Miss^{es}: Spence, Palmer, F. Emerson, Bolton, Pickering, Wightman, & Bosworth. 7. So said orders passed as reported as follows viz. Ordered, That after the next August vacation the organization of the musical department of the grammar schools shall be as follows:—

1st That two lessons, of 30 minutes each shall be given in each week to every pupil.

2. That in the Adams, Bowdoin Hancock, Smith Quincy 20% schools, the musical instruction shall be given in the large hall, to all the pupils simultaneously. For each of said sch^s the Superintendent shall receive \$100 per annum as salary, pianos included.

3. That in the Eliot, Franklin, Boylston, Wells, Mattier, Brimmer, Phillips & Otis schools, the Superintendent shall give musical instruction to the two upper classes; & for such instruction he shall receive for each school the sum of \$100, as salary per annum, pianos included. For the eight above mentioned schools, there shall be musical instruction given to the two lower classes by such female teacher, sub master or usher, as may be found in that school, capable of giving such instruction; and every such teacher shall receive \$25 per annum, as salary.

4. That in the Hawes, Johnson, Winthrop, Lyman, Endicott, Mayhew and Dwight schools, there shall be two pianos in each building, & a musical lesson be given by the Superintendent in each of the two departments. For each department the Superintendent shall receive \$80, per annum as salary, pianos included.

The committee to whom was referred Medals to an order "to take into consideration the expediency of restoring the City Medals to the girls' schools, and of introducing a system of prizes for the encouragement of the pupils in all the classes in the grammar schools, as recommended by the committee on the writing department, in the last annual report" made a report to which was appended the following orders— [See the report at large in printed City document N^o 23.] Ordered, That the City medals

be restored and awarded in the schools for girls, from and after this day.

Ordered, That in addition to the medals awarded in the first classes, there shall also be certificates of merit annually awarded, in the second, third & fourth classes of each of the grammar schools. The said awards shall be made in conformity with the rank, and credits, recorded in the Class Register, and an examination by the sub-committee of the school. The number of certificates not to exceed six to each class, to be signed by the Chairman of the sub-committee and the Master of the school, and be presented to the pupils at the annual exhibition, in July.

Rules & Reg^{ns}

Ordered, That the "Rules" be amended by striking out the last line of Sect. 14. Chap. 6.

Ordered, That Chap. 1. Sect. 30, of the "Regulations" be amended by substituting the following after the word "exhibitions" in the 5th line,—"the medals and prizes shall be conferred upon the pupils."

On the question of accepting the first order, the yeas and nays be required, were taken as follows viz:

Y. & N.

Yeas—Messrs. Streeter, Spencer, Barnes, Ayer, Neale, Palmer, F. Emerson, Blagden, Wigglesworth, Pickering, Wightman, Bosworth and Jinks. 13. Nays. Messrs. Quincy, Seaver, G. B. Emerson, Brooks, Willis, Coolidge and Craft, 5. So said order was adopted—And the other orders were accepted as above recorded.

Awards of merit

Ordered, That Messrs. Wightman, Wigglesworth, and Streeter be a committee to prepare the form of the awards, provided to be assigned agreeably to the above orders.

Petition of E. S. Dixwell, Fother, teachers 209.

of the public schools, to have a vacation of two weeks in Schools ad:
stead of one—Read, and thereupon ordered, that a vacation ^{vacation}
of two weeks, commencing on the first Monday of June, be
given, this year only, instead of one week as now es-
tablished. The regulations being suspended for that purpose.

The committee to whom was referred High School for
the report and accompanying orders on the subject of High Girls
school for girls, reported in detail "plans and estimates as
may be required upon the establishment of such schools."

Read, laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

S. F. McLeary,

Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School com-
mittee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Fri-
day, the fourteenth day of July, A. D. 1848.

Present—

The Chairman, Messrs. Spences, Barnes, Palmer, Soule, Fred¹⁰
Emerson, Bellows, Reid, Codman, Biagioni, Brewer, Wigglesworth,
Pickering, Wightman, Craft, Basworth and Jenks. —

Over

Winthrop sch. Ordered, That the sum of thirty seven dollars and fifty cents be paid from the City Treasury to Miss Abigail Fawcett, for services rendered in the Winthrop school during the illness of one of the assistant teachers.

Quincy sch.

Ordered, That the nomination of Miss Lydia A. Hanson, as assistant teacher in the Quincy school, be & is hereby confirmed, she having served with entire satisfaction during the usual period of probation.

Hancock sch.

Ordered, That the nomination of Miss Anna M. Snelling, for assistant teacher in the Hancock school, in the place of Miss Dyke, resigned, be confirmed, and that she be paid from the 13th day of March last, that being the time she commenced teaching in this school.

Hancock sch.

Ordered, That Miss Sarah O. H. Eaton be paid ninety four dollars and twenty three cents, for sixteen & one third weeks services as assistant teacher in the Hancock school.

Lyman sch.

Ordered, That the nomination of Miss Georgetown Ried, for assistant teacher in the Lyman school, (a new appointment) be confirmed, and that she be paid from the sixth day of March last, that being the time her services commenced as teacher in this school. Also that the nomination of James F. Blackinton as usher of said school be confirmed. Also that the nomination of Eliza Jeanette Alborn as assistant teacher in said school, be confirmed.

On motion of M^r. Nightman,

Resolved,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this board, it is desirable to have the usual "school festival" at Faneuil Hall, on School festival wednesday the 26th of July instant; and that they respectfully request the Mayor and Aldermen to make such arrangements as they may deem expedient. 211

A communication was rec^d Smith's Geog. from the publishers of "Russell & Co. Smith's geography" offering the same to this board for its introduction into the school. Ref^d to the committee on books.

A communication was received Merrill from Nathan Merrill, writing master of the Franklin school. Franklin sch. declining to be considered a candidate for re-election. - Read & on motion of Mr. Frederick Emerson, ~~passed~~

Ordered, That three months' salary be paid to Mr. Nathan Merrill, writing master in the Franklin school, after the expiration of his term of service, he having declined being a candidate for re-election on account of illhealth.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Frank- Franklin sch. lin school, be a committee to consider and report upon the expediency of reorganizing said school.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the report of the com- High Sch. for girls. mittee on the establishing one or more High Schools for girls was taken up and after discussion the report was accepted, 10 members for - and 4 against the same - Thereupon ordered, That a committee be appointed to confer with the City government, and endeavor to obtain its concurrence in carrying into effect the recommendations in the two reports on the subject of High

Schools for girls. City documents Nos 20 & 25.

Messrs Truitt, Spence and Barnes, were appointed on said committee.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

(J. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Special meeting
called

Boston, July 21st 1848.

To His Honor the Mayor
and the Chairman of the School committee of Boston - Sir
The late order of the school committee relative to medals appears to the subscribers to require an immediate revision, & we respectfully request, that a meeting of the board be called to take place as early as Monday next. Respectfully submitted

Frederick Emerson

Benj. Willis, Jr.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Monday the 24th day of July, Anno Domini, 1848.

Present -

The Chairman, Messrs Spence, Barnes, Soule, G. B. Emerson, F. Emerson Reed, Codman, Blagden, Willis, Bates, Weylensworth, Pickering, Wightman, Bowditch and Jencks.

Medals

Ordered, That in the present year all schools where there are more pupils, who in the opinion

of the sub-committee are deserving of medals, the sub- 213.
committee may award additional medals not exceeding two
in each school.

Ordered, That no use be made by the Annual rept.
examining committee, of the written questions in making
up the report of the present year.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the school
committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall, on
Wednesday the second day of August, A. 1848.

Present

The Chairman and the whole board, except Messrs. Streeter,
Brooks, Bates, and Wigglesworths.

The sub-committees of all the schools made Quarterly Rep^{ts}.
Their quarterly reports, which were read & accepted.

Communication from Moses Grant, respect. Grant-
ing furnishing indigent children with school books. Ref^d.
to the committee on books.

Annual rept. Mr. Codman presented the annual report of the examining committee of the grammar schools, which was laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

Robinson
Smith school Petition of John Robinson, and others, people of colour, to have Thomas Paul, considered as a candidate for master of the Smith school. Ref^d to the sub committee of that school.

Appⁿ for master &
usher Applications of E. Ames, to be master, & George A. Fillmore, to be usher in the schools. Read and laid upon the table.

Robinson's arithmetic Orders respecting Robinson's Arithmetic and the North American Arithmetic. Read & laid upon the table.

Hancock sch. The sub com^{ee} of the Hancock school, reported that this school has been often visited, & frequently examined by the com^{ee} during the last quarter. It is in excellent condition. Since the last quarterly meeting Mr. Mackintosh, has not been in the school, but continued declining, and died last Friday morning. He was a "good and faithful servant," and an excellent master in this school for about twenty six years, and as a husband and a father, he was a pattern worthy of imitation. During his absence from the school Miss Henrietta L. Pierce took charge of the first class in the writing department, up to the June vacation; and since that time Mr. W. H. Swan, the usher from the Wells school has had it in charge, & to the entire satisfaction of the committee. This appears to be a favorable opportunity to organize this school on the "third plan" according to our school regulations, & the committee recommend the passage of the order to that effect.
Respectfully submitted for the com^{ee} J. H. Barnes - Chair

Ordered, That the sub-committee on the 215
Hancock school be empowered to organize this school on the
"Third plan" according to our school regulations, leaving it
discretionary with the sub com^{ee} to nominate an usher, or
two female teachers.

Ordered, That Miss Henrietta L. Pierce be ^{Pierce}
paid sixty dollars in addition to her usual salary, for extra ^{order to pay}
services in the Hancock school, during the absence of Mr.
Mackintosh, on account of sickness. The foregoing report was
read, accepted, and the orders passed.

The sub-com^{ee} of the Otis School, reported ^{Otis school}
that this school was visited & examined on Thursday July 20.
The sub-com^{ee} are gratified to state that the appearance of the
pupils was such as to afford satisfactory evidence of the faith-
fulness & efficiency of the instructors. The lower classes as well
as the first had evidently rec^d. due attention & exhibited a com-
mendable degree of improvement. The school house is badly
located, as the members of this board are probably fully aware.
During the late examination, the noise & smoke from the
neighboring work shops were exceedingly annoying; and it was
understood from the master that they are continually subjected
to this inconvenience. The well being of the school seems to re-
quire, that some measures should be taken to remedy this
evil. Respectfully submitted in behalf of the sub com^{ee} E. D. G. Palmer, Ch.

The sub-com^{ee} of the Lyman School offered Lyman Sch.
the following order, viz: Ordered, That the Chairman of this
board be requested to recommend to the City Council, that

216. immediate measures be taken for the construction of another grammar school at East Boston. This order was read & laid upon the table.

East Boston
School house
Otis Sch.

Ordered, That the subject of a new school house at East Boston, be referred to a special com^{ee} who shall consider the expediency of discontinuing the Otis School in the City, and disposing of the land and building, & transferring the teachers to a new school in East Boston. W. G. B. Emerson and the sub-committees of the Otis and Lyman Schools, were appointed said committee.

Shepard
Order to pay.

Ordered, That the sum of thirty seven dollars and fifty cents be paid to Miss Sophia Shepard, for six & one half weeks services as teacher in the Otis school, from April 17th to June 1st 1848.

Eliot Sch.
Assistant confirn^d

Ordered, That Miss Caroline A. Conant be confirmed as a teacher in the Eliot School, she having been engaged as an assistant more than three months, in place of Miss West deceased.

Clark adu
to pay.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty five dollars be paid to Miss Chastina E. Clark, for one month's services as a teacher in the writing department of the Phillips school during the illness of M^{rs} Ellen M. Coolidge.

Cunningham
Order to pay

Ordered, That the usual salary be paid to Miss Ellen B. Cunningham, for one month's services in the Brimmer school in the place of Miss Collier, who was absent on account of sickness. Ordered, That Miss Ellen B. Cunningham be confirmed as a teacher in the Brimmer school, in the place

of Miss Abba F. Goodridge resigned; and that the usual 217.
salary be paid to Miss Cunningham from the commence-
ment of the present quarter.

The committee on the structure, alteration & School houses
ventilation of school houses, to whom was referred the several ^{Rt. of com. on struc.}
orders concerning the Eliot, Wells and Phillips School houses - ^{trans. alter. & ventil.}
made a report, to which was subjoined the following orders.

Ordered, That the City Council be once more very
respectfully requested to add a projection of 40 by 20 feet to
the northerly side of the Eliot school house, placing it on
arches, stone or iron posts, giving two recitation rooms to each
of the two upper stories, with good apparatus for heating &
ventilating the same, and complete the ventilation of the main
body of the house.

Ordered, That the City Council be very respectfully re- Wells sch.
quested to add a projection on the easterly side of the Wells
school house, placing it on arches or posts, furnishing two
recitation rooms for each of the two upper stories, with good
apparatus for heating and ventilating the same, and to furnish
new chairs in the places of the stools now in the school rooms,
and repair the floors.

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to Phillips sch.
furnish "Clark's ventilating stoves" for the recitation rooms in
the Phillips school house and ventiducts of the proper size &
construction to conduct the foul air from the rooms. And that
an iron gate be fixed in the narrow passage way leading to
the back yard, with a good lock.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish Endicott sch.

218. recitation rooms for the Endicott school, soon as it may be expedient so to do.

The foregoing orders were passed.

Franklin Sch.

The committee of the Franklin school who were instructed to present a plan for the proposed changes in the organization of that school, beg leave to report - The resignation of M^r Merrill, a long tried & faithful teacher, presents a fitting opportunity for the reorganization of the school. The committee are of the opinion that the change they propose will be for the best interests of the school. They would advise that the school be placed under the charge of one principal master. And as the pupils are all girls, they also advise that instead of a sub-master & usher, there shall be a head female teacher for each room, whose authority shall be paramount in the absence of the master. Such teachers may be selected from those now in the school. It will be seen that this plan does not differ essentially from the "Third plan" on page 18th of the school regulations.

In accordance with the above suggestions, the committee offer the following order viz:

Ordered; That at the commencement of the schools, after the present vacation, the Franklin school be organized upon the "Third plan" on page 18th of the school regulation, with this exception, that instead of a sub-master and usher, there shall be a head female teacher for each room, at a salary of four hundred dollars per annum, whose authority shall be paramount in the absence of the master.

All which is respectfully submitted, J. A. T. Coolidge, for

for the committee. The foregoing report was read and 219.
accepted, and the order passed.

The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday
next, four o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of
the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday,
the ninth day of August, A. D. 1848.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs. Betton,
Reed, Brooks, Blagden, Bates, Loring & Bosworth.

The sub committee of the Smith school to Smith Sch.
whom was referred the memorial of coloured parents and others,
in relation to the condition of that school, made a report -
which was laid upon the table, together with the remon-
strance of Oliver E. Ayres, against the appointment of W.
Wellington, as master of the Smith school. The proceedings
of a meeting of coloured citizens for the purpose of expressing an
opinion in relation to the petition asking that Thomas Paul,
a coloured person, be appointed as principal in the Smith Sch.

A remonstrance of H. Weedon & others against the petⁿ of sundry
persons asking for the appointment of Thomas Paul, as master of

the Smith school, and the memorial of Thomas P. Smith stating the facts in relation to the coloured peoples memorial respecting their children attending school.

Smith sch.

On motion of W. Pickering.

Resolved, That the election of master for the Smith school be postponed, and that a special committee be appointed to report upon the subject, at a subsequent meeting of this board. Messrs Pickering, G. B. Emerson and Spence were appointed said committee.

Brimmer sch.

Mr William A. Shepard writing master of the Brimmer School declined being a candidate for re-election.

Masters elected

The board voted to proceed by ballot to the choice of masters of the public schools; Messrs Pickering & Spence, were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes. They reported that the following gentleman had a majority of votes, and was declared to be re-elected. viz.

Latin school - Epes S. Discwall, Master

English High school - Thomas Sherwin, Master.

Lyman school for boys. Hosea H. Lincoln D^o

D^o girls - Aaron L. Ordway D^o

Eliot " Wm B. Ayres - gram: Levi Conant writing.

Mancock " George Allen, Junr. master.

Endicott. for girls - Loring Lothrop D^o

D^o - boys - J. F. Nourse, D^o

Mayhew. William D. Swan, D^o

Bowdoin. Abraham Andrews, gram: James Robinson writing.

Boylston Sch. Tho: Baker, gram. Charles Kimball, writ? master 221.
 Adams " Sam: Barrett, d: Sam: W. Bates d:
 Franklin " Barnum Field. Master.
 Wells " Cornelius Walker gram. Reuben Swan, jr. writ? d:
 Hawes Sch. for girls. Fred: Crafts Master
 D: boys, John A. Harris d:
 Mather D: Josiah A. Stearns, gram. Jon: Battles, jr. writing.
 Johnson, northern. Rich: G. Parker. Master.
 D: southern. Joseph Hale D:
 Winthrop, northern. Henry Williams, jr. D:
 D: southern, Sam: L. Gould D:
 Brimmer. Joshua Bates,
 Phillips. Samuel S. Green, gram. Samuel Swan, writing.
 Otis " Isaac F. Shepard d: Benjamin Drew d:
 Dwight. George B. Hyde, Master.
 Quincy " J. D. Philbrick d:

The choice of Master of the Smith school Smith & Brimmer
 and writing master of the Brimmer school were postponed. Sch:

The committee on music nominated Music
 Mess: Lowell Mason and Benjamin F. Baker, for re- Teachers
 election as teachers of music in the schools, which nom-
 ination was confirmed and they were appointed accordingly.

Adjourned to Friday next, four o'clock
 P. M. Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School com^{ee} of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday the eleventh day of August, A. 1848.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs Reed, Brooks, Blagden, Bates, Crompton & Bosworth.

Smith Sch.

Memorials of certain people of colour & certain documents and papers recommending Thomas Paul to be elected as master of the Smith school, were received & referred to the committee who have under consideration the state and condition of said school.

Brimmer Sch.

Master

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of writing master of the Brimmer school. Messrs Pickering and Spence were appointed to receive, sort and count the votes. They reported that the whole number of ballots was nineteen necessary for a choice ten. William A. Shepard had thirteen & he was chosen.

N. American Arith.

Ordered, That the North American arithmetic, part third, be restored as the text book in the first classes of the grammar schools.

Robinson's Ameri-

Arith.

Ordered, That Robinson's American Arithmetic may be introduced at the discretion of the master, & sub committee of a school, and that it may be used in those schools in which it has ^{been} already introduced, if desired by the master and sub committee of the school.

Instinctive reader

Ordered, That
from

from and after this date, The Instructive Reader shall take 223
the place of Tower's Practical Reader, and "Wilmsen's child-
ren's Friend," in the second class of all the grammar schools.

Ordered, That the committee on books, Books
be instructed to examine Lynd's "First Book of Etymology"
with a view to its introduction in the first and second classes
of the grammar schools.

The committee appointed to consider Truancy &
and report upon the subject of truancy in the several schools Books
reported, the following order viz. Ordered, That the chair-
man of this board be requested to appoint a suitable officer
whose duty it shall be to look up children within the ages
of eight and sixteen, who do not attend school; and to
use all proper measures to induce them to attend; & that
said officer have authority to supply children who may need
it, with the requisite ~~books~~ school books; and report every
quarter to the chairman of this board, the names, parentage
and residence of the children so provided; the name of the
school to which they are sent; and the books, and the
cost of the books ~~and the cost of the books~~ furnished.

After discussion and an amendment proposed by W. F.
Emerson "to insert the following viz. And that whenever
such children are found unable to obtain requisite books
said officer give notice to the sub-committee of the school
to which they should go." The subject was recommitted
to the same committee who reported the same.

W. Pickering from the com^{ee} on the subject Smith Sch.

of the Smith School, reported in favour of the reappoint-
ment of Ambrose Wellington, as master of said school.

Smith Sch.
Master chosen

Voted to proceed by ballot to the choice of Master of the
Smith school. Messrs Pickering & Spence were appointed to
receive, sort and count the votes. They reported, that the
whole number was seventeen; necessary for a choice nine.
Ambrose Wellington had ten, and he was chosen. Thomas
Paul coloured had seven.

Teachers chosen

The sub-committee of the
several schools, nominated the following persons as teachers;
which nominations were confirmed and they were appointed
accordingly. W.L. Latin. Francis Gardner, sub master. Tim^o
D. Chamberlain & John P. Reynolds - Ushers - M^r. Ropes declin-
ed a re-election. English High. Luther Robinson, sub master,
Francis S. Williams & Samuel M. Weston, Ushers. Lymann, for
boys. James F. Blackinton, Usher - Eliza S. Peice, Mary O.
Bulfinch, Sarah S. French, & E. Jeanette Aborn, Assist^{ts} teachers.
Lymann school for girls. Mary E. Grant, Martha A. Holmes,
Bethia Nickerson, F. L. Prescott, Georgietta Reid, & Mary S.
Carter, assistants. Eliot. Caroline W. Carter, Hannah Damon
Anna S. Carter, Eliza L. Felt, & M. B. Kent, assistants.
Mancock. Hannah S. Austin, Mary A. Lewis, Henrietta L.
Pierce, Sarah E. White Helen M. Johnson & Anna M. Snelling
assistants. Endicott. Mary A. Forrin, Angeline A. Brigham,
Malvina R. Brigham, Caroline W. Keith, M. P. Colesworthy,
& Almira J. Keith, assistants. Mayhew. Winslow Battles, sub
master, John C. Dow, usher. Elizabeth L. West, Anna B.
Moulton, Elizabeth D. Moulton, Elizabeth F. Hopkins, & Mary
L. Rowland, assistants. Bowdoin. Mary A. Murdock, Rebecca

Lincoln, Caroline E., Andrews, Mary S. Robinson, Eliza B. 225.
 Mitchell, Sarah M. Mitchell, & Elizabeth F. Snow, Assistants.
Boylston. Franklin Webster, Usher, Clarinda H. F. Treadwell,
 Matilda Oliver, Susan J. M. Jones, Catherine H. Grover, &
 Mary A. Harris, Assistants. Adams. Ira Cheever, & Bartholomew
 Wood, Ushers. Mary S. Brigham, & Mary E. Beck, assistants.
Franklin. Hannah S. Tirrell & Catherine T. Simonds Head ap^{ts}
 Sarah Ann Gale, S. A. M. Cushing, Lucy M. Beck, Caroline A.
 Greene, and Frances A. Haddon, assistants. Wells. William H.
 Swan, usher. Matilda A. Gerry, Caroline F. Housley, Frances
 A. Collins, & Adeline F. Dinsmore, assistants. Hawes Sch. for boys.
 Charles A. Morrill, Usher. Ann E. Dearbon, & Caroline M.
 Burnham, assistants. Hawes school for girls. Julia M. Baxter.
 A. Maria Manning, Martha C. Jenks, & Harriet Talbot, as-
 sistants. Mattha school. George T. Angell, usher. Mary A.
 Moody, Lucy Floyd, Rebecca A. Chipman. Ann J. Drake,
 Margaret H. Pease, Elizabeth B. Reynolds, assistants. Johnson.
North Sch. Rebecca P. Barry, Helen E. Vanis, Norriest W. Mudge,
 Mary W. Symmes, assistants. Johnson South. Martha E. Towne, Almira
 Seymour, Mary Jane Danforth, assistants.
Winthrop Sch. Northern. Mary C. Weed, Eliza Briggs, & Caroline E. Fales.
 assistants. Winthrop Southern, E. W. Shelton, Olive E. Reynolds, & M. Oliver, assist.
Brimmer Sch. Percival W. Bartlett & John Butler, Ushers.
E. B. Cunningham, & Mary A. Collier, assistants. Phillips Sch.
 Amphion Gates & John M. Colcord, Ushers. Ellen M. Coolidge,
 & Sarah H. Emerson, assistants. Otis Sch. Joshua R. Lothrop.
 Usher. S. W. J. Copeland, Emeline French, Caroline Palmer, Miran-
 da Sherman, Sophia Shepard, assistants. Dwight Sch. James A.
 Page, sub master, George A. Sawyer, Usher. Frances A. Tyler,
 Caroline G. Woodman, Clarissa Guild, Elizabeth G. Underhill,
 & Clara Belknap.

I Martha Harding, assistants Quincy Sch. Charles E. Valentine, sub-master, George A. Sawyer, ~~teacher~~ D. W. Putnam, teacher, Lydia A. Bowler, Sarah A. Wags, Josephine L. Tucker, ^{Minna B. Coffin,} Caroline S. Simonds, and Lydia A. Hanson, assistants. Smith sch. Oliver H. Willington, and Sarah H. Southwick, assistants.

New school at E.

Boston -

Otis school

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a New School at East Boston, and at the last meeting, an order to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the Otis School in the City, disposing of the lands & building, transferring the Teachers to a New School in East Boston, have carefully attended to the subject and ask leave to Report. That they find that all the pupils in the Otis School might be easily and amply accommodated in other schools, the boys in the Mayhew & Phillips, and the girls in the Wells & Hancock Schools, but that the Teachers could not at present, be transferred to a New School at East Boston.

If there were no School House in the place now occupied by the Otis School, the Committee are unanimous in thinking that it would be, on every account, far from advisable to erect one there. But as Schools of some kind must continue to be wanted in that neighbourhood, and as the land and building could not, probably, at present be

disposed of to advantage, the Committee do 227.
not recommend that the attempt should
be made to dispose of the building and land
now occupied by the Otis School. The
Committee are also unanimous in thinking
that immediate provision should be made
by the City for the accommodation at East
Boston of at least 200 Children more than
can now be well accommodated in the Gram-
mar Schools there, and that the number for
which additional provision must be made
in the Schools there will probably, within
one year, be increased to three or four
hundred. The Committee would therefore
recommend the passage of the following order.
Ordered, That the Chairman of the board
be requested to recommend to the City
Council that immediate measures be taken
for the construction at East Boston, of a
School House or School Houses, sufficient
for the accommodation of Two Hundred
Children all which is respectfully submitted
for the Committee. Geo. B. Emerson.

Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, four o'clock. P.

Attest

Attest

J. M. Cleary,

Secretary

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of August, A. 1848.

Annual rep.

Voted, That eight thousand copies of the report of the annual examination of the public schools be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

Josiah Quincy, Jr.

Benj.^a Sewer.

Sam.^r B. Crafts.

Sam.^r H. Jenks.

E. Wigglesworth

N. C. Betton

E. D. G. Palmer

John Spence, Jr.

Joseph M. Wightman

Sampson Reed.

S. Streeter

Benj. Willis, Jr.

Benj.^a E. Bates

Rollin H. Neale.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

Edw. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the 229.
School committee of the City of Boston, held at City hall,
on Wednesday, the first day of November, A. 1848.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board of School committee
except Messrs Streeter, Barnes and Betton.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub com- Sub com-
mittee of all the schools, except the Hancock school. Reports.

Petition of J. Corley, to have the French genders Corley. -
in six Mnemonic fables, contained in a book published by him French genders &
introduced into the schools of this City. Ref^d to the com^{ee} Jarvis's & Phy.
on books. Also the petition, of Barnum Field, Dothers, insti-
tute for the introduction of Jarvis's Physiology.

Ordered, That no advertisements of any kind shall Schools -
be read by the teacher of any school to the pupils thereof, or advertisements -
posted up within any school house; or upon any building
or fence belonging to the same; except those authorized by the
Mayor, or sub-committee of the school.

Ordered, That four dollars, in addition to her next Drawing
quarters salary be allowed to each female teacher in the gram-
mar schools, to enable her to obtain instruction in drawing, if she
desires it. Also that the drawing cards of M^r. Neilling may
be used in the writing departments of the grammar schools.

Ordered, That "Lind's first book of Etymology" be Etymology.

forthwith, adopted as a text book for the first class in all the grammar schools; the cost not to exceed twenty five cents per copy.

Eng. High Sch.

Ordered, That twenty five dollars be appropriated to increase the Philosophical apparatus in the English High School.

Wells Sch.

Miss Mary Carter was appointed teacher in the Wells school; salary to be credited from October 9th last passed.

Otis Sch.

Ordered, That the sum of thirty seven dollars & fifty cents be paid to Miss Mary G. Hillman for six weeks services from Sept. 15th to Oct. 27th 1848. in the Otis School as substitute for Miss Sherman absent on account of sickness.

Dwight Sch.

Ordered, That thirty eight dollars & forty six cents be paid to William T. Adams, for two weeks instruction in the Dwight School, in place of the sub-master absent on account of indisposition.

Johnson Sch.

Ordered, That there be paid to Miss Rebecca A. Goodridge employed as a substitute for M^{rs} N. W. Mudge, during her sickness from March 23rd to May 8th 1848. six weeks & one half for the usual compensation in the Johnson School, of assistant instructress.

Hancock Sch.

Ordered, That the Hancock school be furnished with another set of Felton's out line maps.

Latin Sch

The sub-committee of the Latin School nominated M^r Edwin Davenport, as usher in that School, his salary to commence with the beginning of the present school year, in place of John T. Reynolds resigned.

Ordered, That fifty eight dollars, & forty eight 231.
cents, be paid to Miss Lucy A. Wiggins, for services; ~~two~~ nine & two Lyman Sch.
sevenths weeks, as assistant teacher in the Lyman school; - That
ninety two dollars and sixteen cents, be paid to Miss Mary E.
Carter for sixteen weeks service in the same school.

Ordered, That Messrs. Soule, Godman and Schools -
Bosworth be a committee to report to this board an amendment regulations amend.
to the regulations, defining with as much precision as possible, the
standard of qualifications for ~~admission~~ for admission in the
grammar schools; - as also the degrees of attainment which
shall entitle ^{pupils} in these schools to promotion from one class to the
next higher, and also the times when the pupils shall be admit-
ted from the primary schools.

Ordered, That the committee of Conference Smith Sch.
with the primary school committee be requested to confer with that
committee as to the practicability & expediency of accommodating
the intermediate school for colored children in the Smith school
house; both the grammar and intermediate schools to be under
the charge of the principal of the Smith school, and two other
Instructors.

Ordered, That Messrs. Seaver, Wightman, Reed, Salaries of
Spencer and Soule, be a committee to consider & report at the next instructors
meeting what salaries shall be allowed to the instructors of the
Latin, English-High, and Grammar schools.

Ordered, by a unanimous vote, that the re- Annual rep.
port of the committee to make the annual ~~report~~ exami-

232 nation of the public schools, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Latin & Eng. High.

Mr. Wightman offered the following orders, which were read and laid upon the table:— viz^t

Ordered, That the salaries of the sub masters in the Latin and English High Schools be the same amount per annum.

Ordered, That the salaries of all the ushers in the English High school be upon the same basis.

Ordered, That the salary of the Usher in the English High school, for the first year of service shall be eight hundred dollars.

Adjourned to Wednesday the fifteenth day of November instant, at four o'clock P.M.

Attest, E. M. Cleary, Secretary

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday the fifteenth day of November, A. D. 1848. —

Present — The Chairman, and the whole board except Mess^{rs} Barnes, Neale, Betton, Codman, Blayden, Bates & Brewer.

Quarterly rep^t

The quarterly report of the Hancock School was made by the sub-committee of that school.

Gazettes & Atlas

Book entitled "Atlas and Gazetteer of the Holy Scriptures." By Rev. William Fiske, D. D. Referred to the committee on books.

Mr G. B. Emerson, from the committee on Books, reported, that he was instructed to say, that said committee recommended, that no action should be taken upon the application of Mr Corley, which was referred at the last meeting. That the com^{ee} see no reason for receding from the vote by which Cutler's physiology was introduced as a text book into the grammar schools. That the request of Dr Cutler be allowed, at his own expense to introduce copies of a new edition of his work, into the grammar schools, in place of copies of former editions, ought to be granted; and that the consideration of the propriety of allowing to be introduced into the several schools, a series of anatomical out line plates prepared by Dr. Cutler be referred to the committee on books of the next board. The foregoing report was accepted.

Mr Soule, from the special committee on the Schools - qualifications for admission into and promotion in the grammar schools, made a report, which was laid on the table. Ordered to be printed. admission of pupils

Ordered, That the Mayors Mess^{rs} Neale, Soule, Truancy, Goodman and Brewer, be a committee to consider and report whether any and what measures can be taken to lessen the amount of truancy that now exists in the City.

Mr F. Emerson from the committee of conference on the subject of uniting the primary & intermediate schools, for colored children in the Smith school house made a report accompanied with the following order viz^t Smith sch.

Ordered, That the room on the lower floor of the

234 Smith school house, now improved by a class of the Smith school be relinquished to the primary school committee, for the use of the Intermediate school for colored children. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Smith Sch. on
amend. of rules -

M^r. Frederick Emerson, submitted the following order which was read and laid upon the table under the rule - viz^t

Ordered, That the regulation of the Smith school be so amended, that the number of assistants teachers may be made proportionate to the number of scholars, - that is to say, - strike out from the third section, the words "two assistants" & substitute the words "as many assistants as the sub committee of the school, with the approval of the board, shall deem necessary."

High Sch. for
Girls

M^r. Wightman, submitted the following order, viz^t
Ordered that --- constitute a committee to confer with the committee of Public Instruction, (of the City Council) on the subject of a High School for girls, and to request their early attention and action thereon. The order passed, and the committee on the subject of establishing such school, was appointed ~~board~~ ~~committee~~, on motion, M^r. Wightman was added thereto.

Swan

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and forty dollars, and thirty six cents be granted to William H. Swan, for $10\frac{3}{4}$ weeks services as a teacher in the Hancock school.

Salaries -

M^r. Seaver from the committee on salaries made the following report viz^t The committee to whom was referred the order

passed at the last meeting of the board, instructing them to 233
report at the next meeting, what salaries shall be granted
to the Instructors of the Latin, English-High & Grammar schools,
have duly considered the same, and ask leave to report. -

That the salaries of the masters of the Latin & English High
Schools be twenty four hundred dollars per annum. The sub-
masters of the above mentioned schools, ^A be the same as the last
year. The salaries of the ushers of the same schools shall be as
follows, viz: - 1st year of service, eight hundred dollars. -

2nd year " nine hundred dollars

3^d " " One thousand dollars.

4th " " eleven hundred dollars

5th " " twelve hundred dollars; at

which latter sum the salary shall remain after the 5th
year of service. The committee are aware that this board
have no power over the action of any future board; but they
believe that the foregoing scale of salaries for the ushers of
the above mentioned schools, with, if now adopted be adhered
to hereafter. The salaries of the masters of the grammar
schools be fifteen hundred dollars, per annum. Sub-masters
one thousand dollar per annum. Ushers eight hundred dollars
per annum. Female assistants, three hundred dollars per ann.
except in the ^{head female teachers} ~~expenditures~~ in the Franklin school, which shall
remain as at present. All the salaries to be from & after the
commencement of the present school year. The committee also
recommend that no allowance be hereafter made for sub-
stitutes. With respect to this last recommendation, the com^{tee}
have reason to believe, that the practice of paying for the
service of substitutes is so frequent, & is so obviously increasing

that it is liable to great abuse, it should therefore be checked. In any case of hardship under this rule, the party may petition this board for remuneration, which may be committed to a special committee. It cannot be doubted that justice will in any such case, be granted. By the adoption of this recommendation, a large sum will, it is believed be annually saved to the City, without detriment to the schools. If this suggestion of your committee in relation to substitutes should be adopted it will be necessary to rescind the of the present rules; & they therefore recommend that the same be done. Which is respectfully submitted by the Committee.

Benjamin Seaver, Chairman,

Yea & nay,

A motion was made to strike out at A. the words "be the same as the last year" upon this motion the yeas and nays were taken as follows viz: Yeas - Messrs Streeter, F. Emerson, Coolidge, Wightman and Jenks - 5. Nays, Messrs Seaver, Spence, Palmer, Soule, G. B. Emerson, Reed, Brooks, Willis, Wigglesworth, Pickering 10. So said motion did not obtain. and the report was accepted as amended, and the following order passed, the rule being suspended for that purpose.

Ordered, That the regulations be amended by striking out Sec. 13. Chap. 1. and substituting the following.

Ordered, That whenever any instructor shall be absent from School, and a temporary instructor rendered necessary, the amount required for said substitution shall be withdrawn from the salary of the absentee; unless upon a representation of the case by petition, the board shall appoint a special committee, upon whose report to that effect an allowance may be made.

Doctor Palmer from the committee of this 237.

board, appointed to confer with the primary school com^{ees} Rules Reg^{ns}
Vacations
reported, the request of the deleator from the other board,
for an alteration of the existing rule, fixing the Spring &
Summer vacations to which report was appended the follow-
ing orders, viz^t Ordered, That Sect. 31, Chap 1, of the
regulations be amended by striking out that part beginning
at the sixth line, and ending at the semi colon in the tenth
line, and inserting in its place the words "two weeks com-
mencing on the ^{last} Monday ~~immediately preceding the last~~ ~~Monday~~
in May; the remainder of the week after the exhibition of
the Schools in August, and the four succeeding weeks to the
Latin and English High Schools; and the three succeeding weeks
to the grammar and writing schools.

Ordered, That Sect. 30th Chap. 1st of the
regulations be amended, so that instead of "on the last
Wednesday in July," in the second line, it shall read—
"on the first Wednesday in August."

The foregoing having been read was laid on
the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the members of
this board.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

ETM Cleary,

Secretary.

A meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday the twentieth day of December, D. 1848.

Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Bolton, and George B. Emerson.

Hancock—

Ordered, That the nomination of Mr. Percival W. Bartlett, for sub-master in the Hancock school be confirmed; and that his salary commence on the 12th day of September last.

D.

Ordered, That the nomination of Miss Achsah Barnes for assistant teacher in the Hancock school be confirmed.

Endicott

Ordered, That the nomination of Thomas H. Chandler as usher in the Endicott school be confirmed.

Brimmer

Ordered, That Edward James Young's nomination as usher in the Mathematical department of the Brimmer school, be confirmed, he having been on probation, according to the Rules; his salary to commence September 23^d 1848.

Hawes & Mather

The sub-committee for the boys departments of the Hawes school and of the Mather school nominated Miss Louisa Henderson, for the former place; and Miss Lucy C. Jenks to the latter place, subject to the usual probation.

Boylston

The sub-committee of the Boylston school wish at this time, to call the attention of the board to a change w^{ch}

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they think should be made in regard to the assistant teachers of the school. This is a mixed school of the "first plan" as described in the "Regulations Chap. 2.^d Sec. 2.^d" and hitherto but one usher has been employed who has labored in each department alternately. The school consists of 290 boys & 225 girls, and there is a class of large boys in the lower section of the school, who have not enjoyed the advantages of education & discipline that most boys of their age have. They have been under the instruction of female assistants in a separate room; & the committee find the task, in discipline in particular, too great for these teachers, and propose to put the class in charge of an usher. A good opportunity presents itself at this time for the change as the school is about moving into the new house without its full complement of teachers. M.^r Webster the usher in this school has been absent by sickness since his appointment in August, until the present month, and his place supplied since September 25th by a substitute W.^m William T. Adams, who has given entire satisfaction, and the committee recommend his permanent appointment, to take its date at the time he commenced.
Read, accepted, and the nomination was confirmed.

Ordered, that \$18.90 be paid to Miss Clarke - Christina E. Clarke, for services in the Phillips school in place of one of the teachers, during his illness.

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred & Chandler fifty five dollars, and twenty five cents, be paid to Thomas A. Chandler, for two and one third months service as usher in the Endicott school, service from Sept. 21st to Dec. 1st 1848.

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Eaton

Ordered, That Miss Sarah O. W. Eaton be ~~in~~ paid \$78. 29. for $13\frac{4}{7}$ weeks services (ending 30.th of Nov. last) as assistant teacher in the Hancock school.

Manning

Ordered, That pay for half a quarter be granted to Miss Sarah Manning, for services rendered as substitute for one of the assistants during her sickness, prior to Nov. 20. 1848.

Brown & Letherbee

Ordered, That Miss Harriet L. Brown, and Miss Letherbee, be paid the sums of money due to them for services rendered by them in the Winthrop school, agreeably to the certificate of services rendered, by the master. These services having been rendered by direction of the sub-committee, & in the absence of any teacher.

Gilmore

Ordered, That \$133. 33, be paid to Quincy A. Gilmore for two months' services as usher in the Eliot school, to the first of December.

Towne

Ordered, That one quarter's salary be paid to Miss ~~Annex~~ Lucy J. Towne, for services in the Johnson South school as substitute for Miss Mary J. Danforth who has been unavoidably absent by reason of severe sickness, for three months, from Sep. 11.th to Dec. 11.th 1848.

Swords

Ordered, That fourteen dollars & seven-
nine cents, be paid Miss Swords, for services in the Otis
school from Oct. 20 to Nov. 6. 1848.

Millman

Ordered, That thirty five dollars & sixty eight
cents, be paid to Miss Mary G. Millman, for continued services as sub-
stitute in the Otis School, from Oct. 27. 1848.

The special Committee who were 241.

directed by an order of the 15th of November to consider Truancy and report whether any and what measures can be taken to lessen the amount of Truancy - submit for the inspection of the committee the list, as far as it has been prepared, of the vagrant and truant children in the city and recommend that the subject be referred to the next School Committee with a recommendation that they would consider the expediency of memorializing the Legislature on the subject of additional provisions to enforce attendance upon school, as there is in the opinion of the Committee a necessity for further law on this subject. Read and accepted.

The following Amendments to the Regu- Rules Reg^l lations, which were laid on the table at the last meeting of the Board, adopted, were taken up and adopted. 1st To strike out Sections 5. 6. and 8. Chapter 2^d. [p. 19] and substitute therefor the following: "Section 5. Any pupil may be admitted into the Grammar and Writing Schools, who, on examination by the Master or either of his assistants, shall be found able to read, at first sight, easy prose; to spell common words of one or two syllables; to distinguish and name the marks of punctuation; to perform mentally such simple questions in addition, subtraction and division as are found in Part First of Emerson's North American Arithmetic; to answer readily to any proposed combination of the Multiplication Table, in which neither factor exceeds ten; to read and write Arabic numbers, containing three figures and the Roman Numerals as far as the sign for one hundred; and to enunciate clearly and accurately the elementary

sounds of our language. And no pupil, who does not possess these qualifications, shall be admitted into any Grammar School except by special permit of the Subcommittee".

"Section 5. Every applicant for admission into any Grammar School, coming from one of the Primary Schools shall bring a certificate of presumed qualifications from a member of the Primary School Committee".

"Section 8. Pupils from the Primary Schools can be admitted into the Grammar Schools only on the first Mondays of September and March, and all other pupils shall be admitted only on the first Mondays of the calendar months; provided, however, that transfers from one Grammar School to another may be made at any time and that the Subcommittee shall have discretionary power to admit pupils, possessing the necessary qualifications at other times than those mentioned".

2nd Add. to Section 16, Chapter 2^d (p. 20) the following, copied from p. 142 of the Primary School Regulations:

"But no pupils are to be promoted from one class to another till they are familiar with all the lessons of the class from which they are to be transferred, except for special reasons satisfactory to the Subcommittee".

Vacations.

The Orders, in relation to an alteration of the existing Rule fixing the times of Spring and Summer Vacations, which were laid upon the table at the last meeting of the Board, were taken up and, upon the question of their adoption, were rejected.

See page 237.

The Committee, to whom was refer- 243.

red the procuring of certificates of merit for the Grammar Schools ask leave to offer the following Report. This Certificate of merit Committee was appointed by a vote of the Board May 24.

1848, by which they were directed to have prepared a series of neatly engraved Certificates of different designs to be annually awarded to certain pupils in the second, third and fourth classes of each of the Grammar Schools, in accordance with an Order appended to a Report on Medals, passed May 24, 1848. As it appeared to the Committee desirable that the certificates should be prepared for the approaching exhibition in July, they proceeded immediately to the duty assigned them; but after several weeks spent in endeavoring to procure appropriate designs they found that the time would be too short for any artist which they could obtain to engrave them in a manner creditable to the Committee or to the City. They therefore proceeded to make such temporary provision as they could under the circumstances, and by great efforts succeeded in procuring three neatly Lithographed Certificates, of which there were over four hundred distributed to the Scholars at the July exhibition and which the Committee believe were very acceptable to both teachers and pupils.

The Committee subsequently made arrangements for having the certificates in a more permanent form, and have now in the artists' hands a series of these certificates upon stone plates which they hoped and expected to have had completed before the close of the present year but although nearly finished, they are unable to present them with this

report to the Board and as two of the members of the Committee will not be members of the next Board the Committee respectfully submit this Report of their doings for the acceptance of the present Board. For the Committee
 John M. Highman, Chairman.

Ordered: That the number of medals and certificates to be awarded in each school shall be based upon the number of pupils belonging to the School.

Ordered: That each school shall be entitled to one ^{medal in the} ~~medal~~ and one certificate of merit for every fifty scholars upon the school Register. But in any school where the number of scholars in the first class is comparatively small the number of medals awarded shall be proportionally less, and it shall never exceed one third of the candidates examined. In any school where there are no scholars much advanced in improvement no medals shall be awarded.

Ordered: That the "Rules" be amended by striking out Sect. 4th. Chap. 6th and substituting the above. The foregoing Report and Orders were laid upon the Table until the next meeting, under the Rules - a motion, made to suspend the Rules, and adopt the Orders at this meeting, not being sustained.

Smith School

The Order amending the Regulations of the Smith School which was laid on the Table at the last meeting of the Board, was taken up and adopted.

See the amendment recorded page 234.

Ordered: That the Secretary cause 245.

all the amendments made to the Rules and Regulations Rules Regul^{ns}
during the current year to be printed in a concise
form.

Ordered: That there be paid to the Secretary
Secretary of this Board Three Hundred dollars for his
service during the current year.

Ordered: That there be paid to the Messenger
Messenger of this Board One hundred and fifty dollars
for his services during the current year.

The Rev. Mr Blagden offered the Chairman
following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted - Thanks to
Resolved - That we present to his Honor the Mayor
as Chairman of this Board our hearty thanks for his
punctuality and faithfulness in attending our meetings,
or his courteousness and impartiality in presiding over our dis-
cussions and for his promptitude and discretion in executing
our laws.

To which his Honor, the Mayor, made a
suitable reply, and then the Board

Adjourned sine die.

Attest,

C. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Medals awarded 1848.

Latin - Boys -

James M. Whiton, Jr.

George B. Tafford

Gorham Thomas

Charles A. Lowell, Jr.

Samuel L. Herndike

John S. Perkins

Eliot

H. W. Beecher

J. W. Bell

C. J. L. Chandler

J. Johnson

R. F. Sweet

J. W. Gould

Brimmer

Charles Everett, Jr.

William H. Kent

John Lighton

John T. Gilbert

Everett C. Kingsbury

Joseph A. C. Warren

Mayhew

George W. Copeland

George W. Cutter

James B. Jacobs

Edwin A. Le Compte

Frederic B. Merrill

James Wood

Edw. B. Adams

Mather

Charles E. Tinkland

Benjamin Underwood

Henry W. Wilson

Cudicott

Benjamin H. Allen

William F. Chester

Charles H. Perkins

Eng. High

Benjamin S. Manning

Nathaniel King, Jr.

John Ellery Amory

Edward Ingersoll Browne

William H. Simpson

William H. C. Copeland

Phillips

Lowell Lincoln

William H. Brigham

Marcus M. Hawes

Edward D. Maynard

Caleb S. Marshall

Charles A. Burditt

Adams

Charles P. Greeley

William H. McKay

Henry L. Frost

Joseph B. Phelps

Henry J. Huff

George P. Dethon

Boylston

James Place

Nathaniel Brewer, Jr.

Matthew Cobb, Jr.

Otis

Amos T. Hall

George M. Baker

John W. Allen, Jr.

Howes

Gardner Adams
Henry Haskell
O. Bliss Stebbins
Alex H. Baker

Howes

J. H. James
Edwin O. Hunt
James C. Dryley
James G. H.

Howes

Roswell D. Tucker
William B. Tucker
James C. Tucker
Alonzo Moran
George A. Simell.

Howes

Abby L. Fanning
Mary L. Mitchell
Susan C. Daniel
Mary A. Carroll
Haniel N. Goodnow
Caroline M. Henderson
Daniel D. Jones
Percilla C. Sampson
Mintie A.
Joanna M. Ketchum
Sarah C. Simpson
Ann C. Walker

Girls

Howes

Mary J. Kimball
Ann C. Dyke
Adeline W. Chessman
Lydia P. Lambert
Ann H. Fairbanks
Louisa A. Leavitt
Mary C. Eaton

Howes

Susan C. B. Bennett
Sarah P. Boynton
Sarah C. Flood
Ann C. Richards

Howes

J. C. Blake
Maria C. Fuller
Mary C. Hall
Lucy J. Hensley
Mary H. Leggett
Sarah J. Lathrop
Mary W. White
Joseph P. White

Howes

Isiah G. Andrews
Elizabeth Robinson
Ann C. Jones
Amelia C. Drew
Mary H. Jackson
Caroline H. Jones
Joseph P. White

Howes

Ann M. Jones
Anna A. Foster
Haniel P. Hensley
C. M. T. McCarly

Howes

Sarah A. Babcock
Sarah A.
Anna C. Field
Elizabeth A. Sherman

Howes

Clara J. Bell
Sarah J. Bell
Helen M. Taylor
Mary J. C. Jones

Howes

Louise C. Jones
Ellen P. Jones
William C. Jones
Emily A. Jones

Howes

Cordelia Lathrop
Mary C. Lathrop
Mary C. Caldwell
Amelia H. Pitman

Howes

Mary C. Leach
Sarah J. Bell
Anna L. Kettelle
Martha A. Kettelle

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday the twelfth day of January A.D. 1849.

The following Gentlemen compose the School Committee for the present year.

John D. Bigelow, Mayor, Chairman.

Benjamin Leaver, President of the Common Council.

From the Wards.

- Ward No. 1. Rev. Edward Beecher and John Spence, Jr.
 " 2. George W. Parmenter and Edward B. Moore
 " 3. Rev. William H. Neale and Edward D. G. Palmer
 " 4. Rev. Andrew Bigelow and Richard Soule, Jr.
 " 5. Frederick Emerson and Rev. L. H. Winkley
 " 6. Sampson Reed and John Codman
 " 7. Rev. J. K. Lathrop and Rev. Charles Brooks
 " 8. Benjamin Willis, Jr. and Benjamin C. Bates
 " 9. Edward Wigglesworth and Charles T. Russell
 " 10. Rev. Joseph Woodward and Horace Lupton
 " 11. Rev. George A. Orin and Rev. John T. Sargent
 " 12. Rev. George W. Bosworth and Hon. Samuel H. Judd.

All the above named gentlemen appeared and took their seats except Messrs. Codman, Bates and Russell, and Leaver.

The Board was called to order by the Mayor who, by the Rules, is, ex officio, Chairman.

Rules & Regulations

Ordered: That the Rules and Regulations of the School Committee of the last year be and they are hereby adopted and remain in force until the further order of this Board; also the rules and orders for the government of the members when in session.

Messrs Brooks and Banvard were ap- 249

pointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes for Secretary.
This committee reported that the whole number of ballots was Secretary
twenty one - twenty of which were for Samuel F. McGlary, and he
was therefore chosen.

Johnson Colby was nominated and ap- Meppenger
pointed Meppenger of the Board.

The following Sub. or visiting Committees Sub com^{ees}
were nominated and appointed vizt

Latin; The Mayor

Messrs. Wigglesworth

Goodman

Reed and

Russell.

Lyman: Messrs Louie

Spence

Moore

Ordicott: Messrs Spence

Winkley

Emerson

Mayhew: Messrs Spence

Spence

Goodman

Boydston: Messrs Miller

Bates

Brennatt

English High: Messrs Lothrop

Bigelow

Spence

Banvard &

Palmer.

Cleot: Messrs Palmer

Beecher

Ammonter

Hancock: Messrs Beecher

Spence

Moore

Boston: Messrs Reed

Lothrop

Goodman

Adams: Messrs Brooks

Bates

Banvard

250. Franklin: Messrs Oriat
 Leeks
 Barwood
 Wells: Messrs Emerson
 Ammer
 Palmer
 Mather: Messrs Leeks
 Barwood
 Willis
 Whitthrop: Messrs Russell
 Higginson
 Hinkley
 Meliga: Messrs Codman
 Emerson
 Parmenter
 Wright: Messrs Sargent
 Oriat
 Willis
 Smith: Messrs Bigelow
 Reed
 Dupce
 Hawes: Messrs Barwood
 Leeks
 Bates
 Johnson: Messrs Dupce
 Brooks
 Sargent
 Brimmer: Messrs Barwood
 Sargent
 Dupce
 Otis: Messrs Palmer
 Moore
 Beecher
 Quincy: Messrs Higginson
 Keale
 Russell

Com on
 Books; Primary
 Sch: Com to confer
 Music.
 &
 Ventilation

Committee on Books. Messrs. Keale, Leeks, and Willis & Sons.
 Committee of Conference with Primary School Committee, Messrs
 Emerson, Palmer and Hinkley.
 Committee on Music. Messrs Lotthrop, Russell and Barwood.
 Committee on Erection, alteration and ventilation of School houses.
 Messrs. Bates, Dupce and Sargent.

Appropriations

Ordered: That the several sub-committees
 be requested to ascertain what amount of money will be re-
 quired to be appropriated for the use of their respective schools,
 for the next financial year and report at the next quarterly meeting

in February.

The appointment of the Primary School Com- 251.

mittee was postponed until the next meeting.

Prim: Sch. Com.

On motion of Mr Jenks, Messrs Jenks, Male High Sch. for
and Spence were appointed a Committee to investigate the pro- Girls.
ceedings of the last School Committee on the subject of High
Schools for Girls; and to consider the expediency of establishing
two such institutions, agreeably to the propositions and plans
of the Committee appointed in February last, as set forth
in their several Reports, printed as City Documents Nos. 20.
and 25.

Miss Elizabeth A. G. Philbrick was Quincy Sch.
nominated and confirmed as assistant teacher in the Quincy ap. teacher
School: her salary to commence from the twentieth of September
last.

The following order was read and laid upon Gram: Sch:
the table. Ordered, that whenever fit occasions shall occur ^{new-} organization
for introducing changes into the organization of the Grammar
Schools, that the organization, now existing in the Franklin
School, be adopted as far as such organization can be in the
differently constructed School houses.

Mr Jenks offered the following Order. Pub. Sch: system
Ordered That _____ be a Committee to consider re-organization of
the expediency of an entire re-organization of the Public school -
system of this City - with reference to the division of the ex-
isting Grammar and Primary Schools into four separate

grades, whereby both the former may be relieved, and a greater amount of instruction may be obtained without additional cost; also with reference to an improvement in the present mode of constituting the Primary School Committee; and to a more intelligible definition of the relations subsisting between that body and this Board. Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the Board.

Pupils qualified
of for admission

On motion of Mr. Luce the Secretary was ordered to give notice to the several Masters of the Grammar Schools and to the several teachers of the Primary Schools, of the Regulations adopted by this Board with respect to the qualifications of pupils for admission into the Grammar Schools.

The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday next at four o'clock P.M. Attest:

S. T. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the seventeenth day of January A.D. 1849.

Present, the Chairman and the whole board except Messrs. Godman, Willis, Bates, Wigglesworth, Russell and Forsworth.

The Rev. Andrew Higgins was
added to the Committee on Books.

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Books

On motion of Mr. Higgins the Primary Sch.

Board proceeded to elect a Primary School Committee; and the following Gentlemen were accordingly nominated and appointed as said Committee for the present year.

William S. E. H.	David P. Foster	Henry G. Stark
John Hoar	C. W. Goddard	S. P. Oliver
Amos G. Hovey	Wm. H. Barnard	Alexander Bond
Thomas B. Stearns	John P. Pier	James P. White
Pauline H. Raymond	Charles C. Higgins	Elijah Sears
Jester W. Wiswell	Henry D. Howle	John Spence, Jr.
Isiah T. Axon	C. D. G. Palmer	Geo. W. Parmenter
C. H. Melling	George Hubbard	Joseph H. White
William Eaton	Samuel Crosby	Gustav Taylor
Abraham G. Wyman	Hiram Hackett	Chas. H. Little
Charles H. Atwood	J. H. McLeary, Jr.	J. V. C. Smith
James Howle	Granville Means	Thos. H. Bell
David Paige	Francis Brown	F. A. Sumner
Thomas B. Hawks	Nathl. P. Kemp	William R. Horton
William C. Townsend	Enoch Hobart	John Bigelow
Isiah Kimball	James H. Lee	C. Augustus Howard
Archibald D. Parker	Geo. M. Robinson	Alfred T. Turner
Hedrick W. Sawyer	Francis J. Humphrey	Samuel L. Abbott
George C. Craigie	John Jones	William Howe
Benj. P. Richardson	Charles G. Phelps	F. H. Thompson
Oliver Simon	J. B. Hutchinson	Thomas F. Chase
Charles B. Smith	John G. Smith	Charles H. Smith

Resolved: That the Primary School 255

Committee be, and they are hereby authorized to organize Prim. schools. their body, and regulate their proceedings, as they may deem most convenient; and to fill all vacancies occurring in the same, and to remove any of their members at their discretion during the ensuing year; and that this Board will cheerfully receive from said Committee such communications as they may have occasion to make.

On motion of Mr Leaps, the order, School System submitted by him at the last meeting of the Board, relative to the Re-organization of the Public School system, was taken from the table, and, together with the following amendment was adopted, and Messrs Leaps, Piccher and Brooks were appointed as the Committee on the subject.

Ordered: that the foregoing Committee be instructed to request the Primary School Committee to appoint a similar Committee, for the purpose of mutual consultation on the subject of the above order. See original order, recorded page 251.

On motion of Mr Brooks, the Grammar Sch. order, recommending a change in the organization of the Grammar Schools, which was laid on the table at the last meeting, was taken up, and passed. See original order, recorded page 251.

Ordered: That his Honor, the Finance Mayor, be requested to inform us, at his earliest con-

256. *renewance* what has been done by the City Government for securing the steady attendance, in our Public Schools, of all those children, who are not instructed in private schools; and that the Mayor be authorized to apply to the Legislature for all necessary power to secure the attendance of such children.

School houses
Ordered: That the Committee on School
Smith Sch. house houses be requested to examine the Smith School house and report on the expediency of altering it, or of building a new one.

Green
Sch. com^{ee} qualif^d
Petition of John Green, Jr and others,
of Ward No 11. relative to the requisite qualifications for membership of the Board of School Committee. Re-
ferred to Messrs Emerson, Fessenden and Cook.

Music
Ordered: That the Committee on Music be requested to inquire and report what alteration can be advantageously made in the present provisions for instruction in Music.

Prim. Sch. com^{ee}
Ordered: That his Honor, the Mayor be requested to obtain and present to this Board the opinion of the City Solicitor, with reference to the legality of the present mode of appointing the Primary School Committee.

Books
A book entitled "Statistics and

Gazetteer of the Holy Scriptures, by Rev. Wm. Leake D.D. 257.
was referred to the Committee on Books.

Ordered: That from and after this ^{Prim: sch. board}
date, an abstract from the ^{Semi annual} ~~Annual~~ Returns of the ^{return}
Secretary of the Primary School Board, be read by the
Secretary of this Board, from time to time as such re-
turns may be made, and that said abstract be placed
on file for the information and use of its members.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest:

S. F. Mc Cleary.

Secretary.

At a Quarterly meeting of the School
Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
Wednesday the seventh day of February A.D. 1849.

Present, the Chairman and the whole
Board except Messrs. Faver and Moore.

The Semi annual Returns were re- ^{Semi annual}
ceived from the Masters of all the Schools; an abstract ^{Returns}
of the same was made by the Secretary and filed -

Quarterly Rep^{ts}

The Subcommittees of the several schools made their quarterly reports which were read and accepted.

Primary Schools.
Opinion.

Opinion of the City Solicitor, in relation to the formation of the Primary School Committee, transmitting the opinion of the late City Solicitor, John Pickering, Esquire, on the same subject, was read and laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Truancy

Report of the Committee on the subject of Truancy was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Sub com^{ees}

Ordered: that the Secretary be directed to cause to be printed in two or three newspapers a correct list of the Subcommittees as now constituted.

School Districts

Ordered: That a statement of the various School Districts be printed for the use of the Board.

Books.

The Committee on Books reported the following order.— Ordered: That the spelling book by Mr William D. Swan be introduced into the schools and take the place of Mr Benjamin D. Emerson's now in use — And also that those schools where Lynd's Etymology has not yet been intro-

duced, be permitted to use Evans' spelling book in its stead. And was recommended with instructions to consider the motion offered by Mr Brooks - that they recommend such books for teaching grammar as they shall think will secure uniformity in the system.

Ordered: That the teachers of the Non residents - Latin Grammar School, the English High School and the Grammar Schools inform this Board whether any of their pupils are the children of parents who are non residents of this city, and if so, how many such pupils they have.

Memorial of the Standing Com - Evening Sch. mittee of the Warren Street Chapel respecting evening schools was read and discussed - Ordered: That Messrs Brooke, Hale and Lathrop be a committee to confer with the committee of public instruction of the City Council on the subject of said memorial.

Ordered: That the Secretary send Masters - on their the following Notice to the Masters of the several schools holding but one session in stormy days. -
Notice - The Board of School Committee have learned that it is the practice of some of the Masters on the days of inclement weather to prolong the morning session of their Schools beyond the hour prescribed in the School regulations and to dispense with the afternoon session. Although the Board is not disposed to attribute any other than good motives to the Masters in adopting this practice,

that the practice be deemed to be both unauthorized and inexpedient.

Eng. H. School

Ordered: That the sum of One

Philosophical App.

hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for the improvement of the Philosophical Apparatus of the English High School.

E. H. Sch.

Ordered: That Mr. Charles M.

Usher

be appointed and employed as Usher in the English High School, Sept. 23^d 1848, he and he is continued in said office from that date.

Rules Reg.^{ns}

motion to alter?

Mr Sargent offered the following order. That Section 8. of Chap. 6 of the Rules be so far amended as to read "The Sub-committee of any School may, in their discretion, admit to the School under their care the children of poor residents who do business and pay taxes in the City, and the number of children so admitted shall be reported quarterly by the sub-committee of each school." Read and laid on the table.

Quincy Sch.

Apist. Teacher

Ordered: That the salary of a female

assistant for two weeks be paid to Miss Whiting for services rendered during the unavoidable absence of Miss Fay from the Quincy School. Referred to Messrs Oviatt, Dupree & Palmer.

Eliot Sch. apst.

Teacher

Ordered: That an appropriation of

six and one half weeks salary be made to Miss Anna S.

Order a teacher in the Eliot School to pay for the em- 261
ployment of a substitute during her sickness for said pe-
riod. And ordered to Messrs. Priate, Butler and Palmer.

Ordered: That \$70. be paid to Boylston Sch.
Miss Hannah S. Lawrence for services in the Boylston apst. teacher
School as a substitute in said School previous to and
at the time the regulations of the Board in reference
to paying substitutes were revised.

Ordered: That the subject of adding App.^{ns} for rei-
recitation rooms to the Eliot School house be referred to the room. &c.
the Committee on the Erection, Alteration and Distribution
of School houses with directions to make estimates of
the cost and to apply to the Common Council for the
necessary appropriations.

Ordered: That the sum of \$23.00 Lyman Sch.
be paid to Miss Eliza S. Wiggins for services as substitute apst. teacher
in the Lyman School four weeks previous to the 15th
of Nov. 1848.

Ordered That the sum of \$8.11 Lyman Sch.
50cts be paid to Miss L. B. Tidder as substitute in Teacher
the Lyman School two weeks previous to the 15th day
of November 1848.

Ordered that the appointment Lyman Sch.
of Miss Mary P. Moulton as assistant teacher in Teacher Confirmed

the Girls Department of the Lyman School be confirmed from the date of September 15, 1848, when her services commenced.

Phillips Sch.
asst. teacher

Miss Anne B. Sawyer was nominated as an assistant teacher in the Phillips School in the place of Miss Sarah H. Emerson, resigned.

Winthrop Sch.
asst. teacher

Ordered: That Miss Martha S. Cotton be confirmed as assistant teacher in the Winthrop School, her salary to commence from the second day of December last.

East Boston - new
School

Mr. Sule offered the following Resolves— Whereas it appears from the report of the subcommittee of the Lyman School that the number of seats in the building at present occupied by that School falls short of the number of pupils, which will probably belong to the school on the 1st of March next by two hundred and eighty six; and that the subcommittee have accordingly been obliged to hire five additional rooms at an aggregate rent of Five hundred and forty dollars.

Resolved: That in the opinion of this Board immediate steps should be taken by the City Council towards the construction of another Grammar School house at East Boston.

Resolved: That his Honor the Mayor, as chairman and

in behalf of this Committee be requested to transmit to 263.
the City Council a copy of these resolutions, praying their
early attention to the subject herein referred to. Read
and adopted.

The Board then adjourned for four weeks.

Test:

S. F. McLeary,
Secretary

At a meeting of the School Committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday
the seventh day of March, A. D. 1849.

Present,

The Chairman and the whole Board were present, Messrs. McKim,
Godman, Oviatt and Bosworth.

On motion of Mr. Scale - Ordered: That Swan's Spelling
the Spelling Book by William D. Swan take the place of B. book.
D. Emerson's - subject to the conditions presented by the regulations.
Passed - three fourths of the members present voting for the same.

Mr Neale, from the Book Committee.

Grammar presented a Report upon the best method of securing uniformity in the teaching of Grammar in the Public Schools, accompanied by the following Order.

Ordered: That Green's First Lessons in Grammar take the place of Allen H. Wells' Abridgement subject to the conditions in our School Regulations relating to the introduction of Books. Read and Laid upon the table.

Green.
School com^{ee}

The Committee, to whom was referred the Memorial of John Green, Jr. and others, respecting the qualifications necessary to render an individual eligible to the office of a member of the School Committee Board.

Report:-

The request of the Memorialists supposes that the existing Laws do not require, in a member of the School Committee, the same qualifications relative to residence and taxation, that are required in a voter at the Polls; and if this supposition shall be found to be correct, then your Committee have no hesitation in recommending a compliance with the request of the Memorialists. A member of the School Committee has occasion to give his vote in the Board bearing immediately and conclusively on very important interests of the City, both financial and moral; and it would be absurd to suppose that a less intimate and less binding local relation would qualify him to give a vote here, than would qualify him to give a vote at the Polls.

The only question, on which your commit-

tee have had difficulty in coming to a conclusion is— whether the laws do not already make the provision sought by the memorialists? By a legislative enactment of 1835, it is provided that "The School Committee of the City of Boston shall consist of the Mayor of the City, of the President of the Common Council, and of ~~twelve~~ four other persons, two of whom shall be chosen in each Ward of the City, and who shall be inhabitants of the Ward in which they are chosen.

For the election of the Mayor, the charter provides, that the citizens "shall be called upon to give in their votes for one able and discreet person, being an inhabitant of the City."

For the election of Aldermen the charter provides, that the citizens "shall be called upon to give their votes for eight persons, being inhabitants of said City". And for the election of members of the Common Council the charter provides that the citizens of each Ward "shall be called upon to give their votes for four able and discreet men, being inhabitants of said Ward."

What then is to be understood by the term Inhabitant— as used in the above cases with reference to elections?

Your Committee were at first inclined to ascribe a technical meaning to the term, supposing it to imply an amount of habitation equal to that which is required in a voter. The opinion of the City Solicitor, however, is found not to justify this view of the matter, and your Committee conclude it would be more safe to take the necessary steps to procure a revision of the Law.

The defect in the Law is no less applicable to the election of the City Council, than to the election of the School Committee; and since the Council is the corporate organ of the City,

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your Committee recommend that the subject be referred to that body, and append an Order to that effect. For the Committee. F. Emerson. Ordered: That the Memorial of John Greene, Jr. and others, addressed to the School Committee and dated January 16. 1849. together with the foregoing Report, be presented to the City Council, with the request of this Board, that the subject therein treated may be considered. Read, accepted, and the Order passed.

High Sch.
for
Girls.

The Committee appointed under an Order of this Board Jan. 12. 1849. to investigate the proceedings of the School Committee in relation to the subject of High Schools for Girls, made a Report upon that subject to which were appended the following Resolve and Order —
Resolved: That the interests of Education require the establishment, without delay of two Public High Schools for Girls, to be located severally in the upper Halls of the Quincy and Hancock School houses. Therefore it is hereby Ordered: That the presiding Officers of the respective branches of the City Government, be requested, for the purpose of accomplishing the object above indicated, to ask an appropriation not exceeding three thousand dollars to defray the cost of fitting the two apartments aforesaid: and ~~that~~ a further appropriation not to exceed seven thousand dollars, for the support of the institutions designated, during the current municipal year. Laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed —

High Sch. for girls

Ordered: That his Honor the Mayor

be requested to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor on the following question: Inasmuch as the City has established a High School for Boys, is it equally bound by law to establish similar institutions for the other sex? Read and laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr T Brooks it was -
Ordered: That this Board respectfully request the City Government immediately to devise such measures as shall secure the regular attendance, in our public schools of all the idle and truant children of the City.

Truant & Idle
Child.

Ordered, That Messrs Willis, Targent and Wigglesworth be a Committee to confer with the Committee on Public Instruction of the City Council as to the measures best to be adopted to prohibit the use of the Public Schools of the City of Boston by those, who have no right to them - Also to ascertain from the legal advisers of the City whether Non Residents have any legal rights to attend said schools, and if they have such rights what is their extent?

Non residents

On motion of Mr Emerson, it was -
Ordered: That Section 6. Chapter 2nd of the Regulations as adopted in March 1848. be restored, and that the amendments of the Regulations passed in December of the same year, so far as they conflict with the said 6th section shall be suspended where found necessary, for the term of six months and no longer.

Regul^{on} pro^{posed}
amendment.

Ordered: That the Regulations, providing that Children from the Primary Schools shall not -
Reg^{on} amend^{ed}
Intermediate -

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be admitted into the Grammar Schools in any other months of the year than September and March, shall not apply to children from the Intermediate Schools.

Smith School
house.

Ordered: That the Chairman of this Board be requested to apply to the City Council for an appropriation sufficient to meet the expense of altering the Smith School House in accordance with the plan drawn by C. L. F. Bryant last year. The expenditure to be made under the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on Public Buildings.

Johnson Sch.
house

Ordered: That the subject of repairing and altering the Johnson School House be referred to the Committee on Erection, Alteration, and Ventilation of School Houses.

Dwight Sch. h.
Primary Sch. in

Ordered: That from and after the first of April next the Primary School rooms in the Dwight School house be vacated in behalf and for the use of the Grammar Department of said School.

Read and Laid on the Table.

Dwight Sch.
Usher

Ordered: That in consideration of the circumstances and needs of the Dwight school as stated by the Subcommittee an additional usher be allowed said school instead of the female teachers to whom according to the regulations they are entitled. Read and laid on the Table.

Eliot Sch. Usher

Ordered: That Mr Quincy A. Gilmore be confirmed as Usher in the Eliot School from the

date of his appointment - he having been employed on trial 269.
the requisite time.

Ordered: That Miss Sarah C. H. Hancock Sch. Teach.
Caton be confirmed as assistant teacher in the Hancock School,
she having been employed on trial the requisite time.

An Abstract of the Semiannual Report Prim. Sch. semi
of the Executive Committee of the Primary School Board was annual report
read by the Secretary and placed on file.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

S. F. McLeary,

Secretary.

At a Special meeting of the School
Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Wednesday, the twenty fifth day of April. A.D. 1849.

Present. the whole board except Messrs
Becher. Soule, Lothrop, Bates, Sargent, Dupree and
Fosworth.

The Annual Report of this Board Annual rpt. 6
to the Secretary of the Commonwealth was made, and Sec. of Comth
signed by a majority of the Committee; and the Oath

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required by law was administered to them by Samuel F. McLeary, a Justice of the Peace for the county of Suffolk.

Boylston Sch.
Master resigns

A letter was received and read from Thomas Baker, grammar master of the Boylston School resigning his office, which resignation was accepted: and it was thereupon

Ordered: That the Secretary give notice in the newspapers which publish for this City that an election of Master of the Boylston School will take place on Wednesday the 2nd day of May, 1849: and all applications for the office shall be made before that day: and the candidates shall be examined in the City Hall on that day at 9 o'clock. A.M.

Regulation amend.
Exhibitions

Ordered: That Section 30th of Chapter 1st of the Regulations (Page 16) be amended by striking out the first part ending with the words "Writing Schools" and substituting the following words, viz. "There shall be annually an exhibition of the Latin School on the Monday preceding the third Wednesday in July: and an exhibition of the English High School on the last Wednesday in July: and on the day preceding the exhibition of the English High School there shall be an exhibition in the several Grammar and Writing Schools".

The words that immediately follow viz "at which exhibition" shall be changed to "at which exhibitions".

Vacations

Ordered: That Section 31st of the same chapter, be amended as follows, viz. in the room

of the passage, beginning at the end of the sixth line with the words 271.
"the remainder" and ending on the tenth line with the words "Gram-
mar Schools" - there shall be substituted the following words, viz.

"the remainder of the week after the exhibition of the Latin School
in July and the five succeeding weeks to said Latin School:
the remainder of the week after the exhibition of the English High
in July and the five succeeding weeks to said High School
and the remainder of the week after the exhibition of the Gram-
mar and Writing Schools in July with the four succeeding weeks
to said Grammar and Writing Schools."

Ordered: That Section 6th of Chapter Regulations
5th of the Regulations (Page 26) be amended as follows, viz. amended.
in the room of the words "on the Thursday and Friday next
succeeding the exhibition", there shall be substituted the fol-
lowing words "on the Friday and Saturday of the last
week of the vacation succeeding the exhibition".

The foregoing amendments were adopted: a motion to suspend the
rules for the purpose being carried in the affirmative, three fourths
of the members present voting for the same.

Ordered: that the Secretary give
notice of the above described changes in the newspapers of
the City.

Ordered: That May day be added Vacation -
to the days of vacation of the schools under the direction May day -
of this Board. Passed, three fourths of the members vo-
ting to suspend the rules for that purpose.

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Juvenile Temp. Festival

Resolved: that the invitation to the Public Schools to attend the Juvenile Temperance Festival on the 2nd of May receive the approbation of this Board.

Latin School

Exhibition

Ordered. That the annual exhibition of the pupils of the Latin School take place this year and in future on the Monday immediately preceding the third Wednesday in July, and that the examination of boys for admission to that school take place on Friday and Saturday of the last week of the following vacation of that school.

Brimmer

Sch.

Ordered. That the Subcommittee of the Brimmer School be instructed to provide a larger number of blackboards for said school.

Gram. Schools

Keeping.

Ordered. That from the first Monday in April to the first Monday of October, the Grammar Schools shall hereafter be kept from eight o'clock to half past eleven A. M. and from three o'clock to half past five P. M. Read and laid upon the table.

American Med. Assn.

A communication was received from Dr. Henry S. Bouditch. Secy of the American Medical Association, requesting that members in attendance at the convention may have the liberty of visiting any of the Public Schools of this City. Read and thereupon voted that leave be granted by this Board.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a Quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday, the second day of May A.D. 1849.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs. Thibault and Bosworth.

The several Sub-committees made their Quarterly Reports, which were read and accepted.

The examining Committee reported to the Board the names of all the applicants for the office of Master of the Boylston School, and also the names of the colleges or the Seminaries from which they respectively graduated; what had been their employments, the names of the persons recommending them severally, together with the opinion of the Committee respecting their qualifications.

The Board then proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Master of the said School, and after several successive ballotings John C. Dore had a majority of votes and he was accordingly elected.

Ordered: That Messrs. Godman, Annual exam^r of Schools

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Beecher, Bigelow, Russell, Oviatt, Palmer & Winkley
be a committee to make the annual examination of the
first classes of the Grammar and Writing Schools - with
full power to make such examination in such manner as
they shall deem most expedient. In the appointment
of the above committee instead of two committees as prescribed
by the rules - Section 13. of Chapter 6. was suspended.
Three fourths of the members present voting for the same.

School hours

The order prescribing a change in
the school hours, which was laid upon the table at the
last meeting was taken up and passed - the order to
take effect after the June vacation. [See page 272]

Leake's Bible &
Script. Gazetteer -

Ordered: That a copy of Leake's Bible
Atlas and Scriptural Gazetteer be placed in each of the
Grammar Schools and in the Latin and English High
Schools as a book of reference

Bowdoin Sch.

The Subcommittee of the Bowdoin
School nominated Miss Hannah T. Andrews as assistant
teacher in place of Miss Caroline Andrews, subject to the
usual term of probation.

Quincy Sch.

Ordered: That the salary of a female
teacher for five weeks be paid to Miss M. C. Dudley who
was employed for that time during a vacancy of the office
of female assistant teacher in the Quincy School.

The Committee, to whom were re-
ferred the orders read at the Quarterly meeting Feby 7. 1849.
that appropriations be made to pay for the employment of sub-
stitutes in the cases presented, reported, that they had examined
the claims referred to them and are unanimous in the judg-
ment that they should be allowed and recommend the pas-
sage of the orders in question. The Committee would not
discourage the teachers in making applications for payment of
substitutes and would say that such appropriations should be
favorably entertained only in very particular instances.

Read, accepted, and the orders passed, as recorded, page 260.

Ordered: That so much of the
report on the Phillips School, as refers to the alteration of the
Windows be referred to the Committee on the erection, alteration
and ventilation of School houses with instructions to report such
measures as the said committee shall deem expedient.

Ordered, That Messrs Bigelow,
Emerson, and Soule be a Committee to inquire into the grounds
of the construction of the report of a Committee, fixing the salaries
of the instructors in the English High School, whereby Mr
Samuel M. Weston, second Usher in that Institution is paid
at the minimum rate of compensation for such office, instead
of being advanced according to the graduated scale of stipends
proportioned to the years of service provided for said report.

Ordered: That when this meeting
shall adjourn, it adjourn to Wednesday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

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Substitutes

Phillips -
Sch.

Eng. High Sch.

Adj.

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High Sch. for girls

Ordered, That Tuesday next, at half past four o'clock P. M. be specially assigned, for the consideration of the report of the Committee on the subject of establishing a High School for Girls.

Non residents

The Committee on the subject of Children of non-residents attending schools in this City - reported the following order - viz -

Ordered, That no child whose parents or guardian have not a legal residence in the City of Boston, shall hereafter be admitted to the Public Schools, and no child of non-resident persons shall be allowed to attend the Public Schools, who has a temporary residence in the City for that purpose. Provided, however, that non-resident scholars who have been connected with the Public Schools for the term of one year previous to the passage of this order, may be permitted to remain until they have passed through the various classes in said schools. Provided also, that no scholars shall be dismissed from the schools previous to the long summer vacation. Read and recommended to the Committee on that subject viz. Messrs Miller, Higginson and Everett.

And the report of the Committee of the City Council, and the resolve therein accepted by said Council - were also referred to the same Committee. Said Report is as follows.

Resolved: That the School Committee be requested to inquire into the expediency of making such by-laws and regulations, as shall, in future, prevent the children of non-residents from enjoying the benefits of our public

schools and that a copy of the foregoing report and resolve be sent to the School Committee.

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Petition of Benjamin F. Nutting to Nutting
have certain assistants in the Grammar Schools continue the course
of instruction in Drawing under his charge was read and laid on the
Table.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest,

S. F. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday the
ninth day of May. A. D. 1849.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs. Parker,
Neale, Winkley, Brooks, Bates and Briall.

Mr Leaver called the meeting
to order, after which the Mayor presided.

Ordered: That Miss Mary C.
Whiting's nomination as assistant teacher in the Quincy
School be confirmed, she having served three months, and
that her salary be paid from the time when her services
commenced.

Quincy
School-

Hawes sch.

Ordered, That the nomination of Miss Louisa C. Henderson as assistant in the Boys' Department of the Hawes School be hereby confirmed, she having served with great acceptance during the regular probation.

Savage

Latin School

Petition of James Savage and others, parents of pupils in the Latin School, for an extension of the Spring Vacation to two weeks. Read and referred to the Subcommittees of the Latin and English High Schools, to consider and report thereon.

Endicott Sch.

Substitute.

Ordered, that eight weeks salary be allowed Miss Jane Pearson for services rendered as a Substitute in the Endicott School in place of Miss Malvina R. Brigham, absent on account of sickness. Read and referred to Messrs Oriatt, Dupee and Palmer.

High School
for girls

Agreeably to assignment the Board took into consideration the report of the Committee on the subject of High Schools for Girls - The resolve and order as amended are as follows. Resolved. That the interests of Education require the establishment, without delay, of two Public High Schools for Girls, to be located severally in the upper Halls of the Quincy and Hancock School Houses. Therefore it is hereby -

Ordered: That the presiding Officers of the respective branches of the City Government, be requested, for the purpose of accomplishing the object above indicated to ask an appropriation not exceeding three thousand

dollars to repay the cost of getting the two apartments a- 279.
foresaid: and a further appropriation not to exceed seven
thousand dollars for the support of the institutions designated,
during the current Municipal year, or in like proportion
for the remainder of the year. Upon the question of
the adoption of said Resolutions and Order, the Yeas and Nays
being required were taken as follows: Yeas Messrs
Spence, Parmenter, Moore, Van Ormonde, Barnard, Sargent,
Bosworth, and Lewis - 9. Nays Messrs Palmer, Bigelow,
Reed, Godman, Lathrop, Willis, Higginbotham, Russell, Carter
and the Mayor, 10. The same was decided in the negative.

Whereas the Provision by which Girls Girls--
are permitted to remain in our Grammar Schools till the
age of sixteen does not appear to answer the purpose for
which it was designed, because there are no advanced classes
in which they may be carried forward in new studies--
Therefore, Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to con-
sider how this defect may be remedied and to report at a
future meeting of this Board. Read, and laid on the table.

A motion was made by Mr Godman,
for a reconsideration of the vote on the subject of High School
for Girls. - Which motion was laid upon the table.

The Committee on the subject of the Non residents.
children of non-residents attending the public schools, reported
the following Order - viz -

Ordered, That the rules be amended, Rules amend.
proposed.

in Chapter 6. Section 8. by striking out the whole of said Section and inserting instead thereof the following Section. 8. No child, whose parents or guardian have not a legal residence in the City of Boston, shall hereafter be admitted to the Public Schools; and no child of non-resident parents shall be allowed to attend the Public Schools, who had a temporary residence in the City for that purpose. Provided however, that non-resident scholars, who have been connected with the Public Schools in the term of one year previous to the passage of this order, may be permitted to remain until they have passed through the various classes in said schools. Provided also, that no scholars shall be dismissed from the schools previous to the last summer vacation.

Substitute

Mr. Emerson proposed the following resolve as a substitute for the foregoing - viz - Resolved, That the 8th section of the 6th Chapter of the Rules be repealed; and, that hereafter no non-resident children be added to the schools of the City - provided, however, that the non-resident children already admitted into our schools be permitted to remain during the remainder of the present and the whole of the next school year. Read and the whole subject laid upon the table.

The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday the 23^d day of May, instant, at four o'clock P. M.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee 281.
of the City of Boston held at City Hall, on Wednesday
the 23^d day of May A.D. 1849.

Resolved

The whole Board except the Chairman, Messrs Beecher, Chairman,
Isaac, Paul, Murphy, Colby, Bates, Russell and
Jesse; in the absence of the Chairman, the Board was
called to order by Benjamin Haver Esquire, President of
the Common Council, who presided.

Resolved, That the subject of the Dwight Sch.
alteration of the Dwight School house by a partition in each house
of the principal rooms, be referred to the Committee on
the erection, alteration and ventilation of School houses,
together with the Subcommittee on said School to consider
the expediency of such alteration and report at the
next meeting of this Board.

The Subcommittee of the Marlow Mayhew Sch.
School nominated Robert Mann as Assistant Master
School subject to the usual resolution.

Resolved, That the applicant Quincy Sch.
Miss Abby Saiton as Assistant Teacher, in the Quincy Sch.
School be and is ordered that her salary commence
with the first of March next,

The Subcommittee of the Dwight Sch.
School nominated Miss Caroline Merrill as an Assistant Teacher

teacher in that school subject to the usual probation.

Franklin Sch.

Ordered. That, according to the

ap. teacher

Provision of Chapter Second; — Section Fourth of the School Regulations. Miss Margaret Simonds receive pay as a teacher in the Franklin School from March 1st 1849.

Eng. High School

hour of keeping.

A communication was received

from the Master of the English High School respecting the hour of keeping said School. Read and referred to the Subcommittee of that school.

Eng. High Sch.

pay of Usher

report

The Committee appointed on the 2^d instant to consider the salary of Mr Samuel M. Martin, second Usher in the English High School, and to inquire why it is restricted to the minimum rate of allowance — reported — That the salaries of the several school teachers — namely those of the Masters, Submasters and Ushers respectively — of the Latin, English High and Grammar Schools were established at a meeting of the former School Board held November 15th 1848. at which time a Committee previously appointed to consider the subject, submitted a Report, which after due deliberation received the sanction of the said Body.

In respect to the salaries of the Ushers of the Latin and English High Schools it was then provided that they shall be as follows: viz. for the first year of service \$800; for the second, \$900; for the third \$1000; for the fourth \$1100; for the fifth \$1200, at which latter sum the salaries were

to remain after the 5th year of service.

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It was further expressly provided that all the salaries (so fixed) should be from and after the present year.

In the English High School there are three teachers. The first in seniority of office is paid \$1200 annually and has received that amount for the space of three years consecutively including the present, i.e. since August 1846. The second usher, Mr Weston, who is now near the close of his fourth year of service, is still paid but \$800 annually, being at the rate of the lowest amount of stipend annexed to the office - and no greater sum than the third or youngest usher of the School receives, who only entered on his duties with the current year.

Your committee cannot believe that it was the intention of the Board that a faithful, competent and devoted instructor, after three years service in the same position, should have no better than another just appointed to the office, or, that now, after an additional year of toil, his position should be considered not further advanced in effect, than it will but one year's service; and that consequently the pro rata of increase should be continued in both cases the same in the present and the coming year. Your committee themselves have no doubt as to the proper construction of the rule, and that by the scale of salaries proposed and adopted by the Board at its meeting in December, Mr Weston is entitled, on this fourth year of his employment to the pro rata fourth year's advance of compensation as contemplated by the provision.

the Resolve - namely, to the sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars. In coming to this conclusion your Committee do not lay stress on the merits of the Individual referred to: although, they find that in the discharge of the duties of his office, his fortitudes and ability have been signal-ly approved, and have won for him the highest encomiums in a quarter best competent to judge; the principal of the School having stated in a written communication now in the hands of your Committee that "for energy" and skill in controlling and developing the youthful mind he knows not his (Mr. Martin's) superior; and that "should he leave his present place, the Institution would suffer a loss which could hardly be repaired."

Your Committee would place the matter on other and broader grounds - those of plain abstract justice - predicated on the action of the Board itself - in claiming for this gentleman the amount of stipend due by implied, if not positive stipulation, for the period of his Fourth Year's service as an incumbent in the office of Usher in the English High School: Your Committee accordingly have framed an Order herunto annexed, and which with this report is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Com-mittee. Andrew H. Wilson, Chairman. Ordered, That the Secretary of this Board give notice to the Auditor of accounts that according to a Resolve of this Board passed in its meeting last, the salary of Mr. Samuel M. Wilson, Usher in the English High School is understood to be fixed at Eleven hundred Dollars for the entire cur-rent year commencing on the 1st day of September.

last. Was, accepted and the order passed.

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Resolved, That in the alterations and Eliot & Wells
repairs soon to be made in the Eliot-School house and in the Sch. house-alter-
Wells School house, it is not desirable that the buildings ations & repairs of,
should be enlarged more than shall be necessary to provide
suitable recitation rooms for the number of scholars that
can already be seated in the houses and that no more
of the present windows or the houses should be closed than
shall be found necessary to effect the desired object -
wherefore, Ordered, That Messrs. Emerson, Parmelee,
Palmer, Beecher, Wigglesworth, and Willis be a com-
mittee to communicate with the committee of the City
Council, on Public buildings respecting the subject of the
foregoing resolve.

Ordered, That the rule be amended, Quarterly meetings
fixing the Quarterly meetings of the Board on the first Rules respect-
Wednesdays, the quarters be so amended as to substitute
the first Tuesdays. Read and laid on the table.

The Subcommittee of the Latin School Latin Sch. & High
to whom in conjunction with the Subcommittee of the High School high school.
School was referred the petition of a large majority of the Vacation
Parents of the pupils attending the Latin School, pray-
ing that the Spring vacation of said school may be
made a fortnight in length instead of a week, as
previously reported that the amount of labor performed
by the pupils of that school is very considerable, and

the winter term is so long, as to exhaust the energies of many of them so that a fortnight's respite at the commencement of the summer is not more than they need.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted. For the Sub-committee of the Latin School, Edward Wigglesworth.

The Sub-committee of the English High School concur in the above report and recommend that a vacation of the same length be allowed to that school. In behalf of said Committee, Nathan Wigglesworth. Read and laid upon the table.

Regulations
amended.

Ordered, That Sec. 31. of Chap. I of the Regulations be amended so as to provide that the Spring vacation shall be two weeks commencing on the Monday next preceding the last Wednesday in May. Passed. the rules having been first suspended for the purpose.

Non-residents
children of

The Order respecting the pupils of non-residents was taken up and under discussion, and various motions to amend, the following amendment of the Rules was adopted. viz. on Page 11, Chap. sixth of the Rules strike out the whole of Section 8. and insert the following. "No child whose parents or guardian have not a legal residence in the City of Boston shall be admitted to the Public Schools. And no child having only a temporary residence expressly for the purpose of attending the Public Schools shall be allowed to attend them."

Ordered that the children of non residents now in the Schools may be permitted to remain until the close of the next school year.

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Non residents-

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a Quarterly meeting of the Finance Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the first day of August A.D. 1849.

Present - The whole Board except the Chairman, the President of the Common Council, Messrs Parmenter, Brooks, & Thompson & Bates. The Hon. Samuel E. Banks was appointed Chairman pro tem. in the absence of the Mayor. Quarterly Reports were made by the Subcommittees on all the reports except the English High School: which reports were read and accepted.

Quarterly reports

Ordered that the Committee on the English High School be directed to report to the Committee of the English High School to make report to make their report on the condition of that school at the next meeting of the Board.

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Hilton. Pet.
Smith Sch.

Memorial of John T. Hilton and

others, a committee of the colored inhabitants of this city asking to have the school in Belknap Street for colored children abolished, and the pupils distributed among the other existing schools, addressed to the Mayor and Aldermen and by them referred to the School Committee - which being read the same, together with the petition of Jonas W. Clark, Thomas Dalton and others, addressed to this Board in aid of the foregoing was referred to the Sub-Committee of that school, viz. Messrs Bigelow, Reed and Dupree together with Messrs Russell and Beecher.

Annual report.

The Committee appointed to make the annual examination of the Grammar and Writing schools made their report, which was read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the use of the members of the Board.

Copeland.
Substitute, Otis sch.

An Order to allow Miss S. W. I. Copeland, for the payment of the substitute employed by her during her sickness and absence from the Otis School from March 2^d to April 2^d was read and referred to Messrs Oratt, Dupree and Palmer.

Sydney Sch.
assist. teacher conf.

Ordered, That the appointment of Miss Caroline M. Sampson, as assistant teacher in the Sydney Department of the Sydney School be confirmed: and that the annual salary be paid to her from March 1st to April 1st in arrears.

Ordered. That the appointment be 289.

Miss Martha E. Symmes as one assistant teacher in the Lyman Sch. in the Girls' Department of the Lyman School. ap. Teacher conf. 2. from March 5th 1849. when her services commenced.

Resolved. That the salary and Latin High Sch. salary of the Submasters of the Latin and English High Sub masters Schools shall be the same as those of the Masters of the Grammar Schools. Read and Laid on the table.

Ordered. That the sum of sixty Dore - order two dollars and fifty cents be paid to John C. Dore for to pay. services one half month in the Boylston School prior to his election as master of that School.

Resolved. That the nomination of Mathew Sch. Miss Lucy W. Smith as one Assistant Teacher in the ap. Teacher conf. 2. Mathew School be sustained in having been acceptably during the required probation.

Resolved. That the nomination of Mathew Sch. Miss Alice Cooper as one Assistant Teacher in the Mathew School be sustained in having been acceptably during the required probation.

Ordered. That the nomination of Bowdoin Sch. Miss Hannah Jackson as one Assistant Teacher in the ap. Teacher conf. 2.

Endicott School be confirmed she having served acceptably during the period prescribed.

Winthrop Sch.
ap^t teacher conf.^d

Ordered. That the nomination of Miss Francis M. Huggins as an Assistant teacher in the Winthrop school be and the same hereby is confirmed, and that her salary commence from the first day of June last.

Endicott Sch.
pay of subst.

The Committee to whom was referred the following order, viz "Ordered That eight weeks salary be allowed to Miss Jane Pearson for services rendered as a substitute in the Endicott School in place of Miss Malvina R. Brigham absent on account of sickness" having examined the facts in the case unanimously recommend the passage of the Order. Read, and the same was passed.

Endicott Sch.
ap^t teacher conf.^d

Ordered. That Miss Jane Pearson be confirmed as Teacher in the Endicott School, she having served the required period. Salary to commence from the first day of March.

Books

The Committee on Books reported the following order which was read and laid on the table. Ordered: That Green's First Lessons in Grammar take the place of Allen H. Wilds' Abridgment, subject to the conditions in our School regulations relating to the introduction of books.

Ordered: That the Book Committee
be and they are hereby instructed to procure one copy of
the Bible for each Teacher, who is required to read the
same in the School.

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Bibles

The Committee on Books made
a Report on Walker's Reader, and other books, which was read
and laid upon the table.

Walker's Reader
&c.

The Board then adjourned to
Wednesday the fifteenth instant at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest: S. F. McLeary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Com-
mittee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wed-
nesday the 15th day of August A.D. 1841.

Present,

The whole Board except the Chairman, Messrs. Emerson
Kimbley Brooks Lathrop and Russell. In the
absence of the Mayor, Mr. Seaver President of the
Common Council presided.

The Semi-annual returns were
received from the several Grammar and Writing Schools
and placed on file.

Semi annual returns

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Eng. High Sch.

The Subcommittee of the English High School made their Report, which was read and accepted.

Meriam

Petition of Jonas Merriam an inhabitant of Willeica, that his son residing in this City may be admitted a pupil in the Phillips School. Referred to Messrs. Male, Willis and Spence.

Annual report of

Com. on Gram. &

writing sh. accepted

Ordered, That the report of the Annual Examining Committee be accepted and that in thousand copies be printed for the use of the citizens it being understood that the Board, in accepting the Annual reports, do not concur unanimously in all the sentiments contained in them.

Master Sec. to

adv. for app^l

Ordered, That the Secretary advertise in the papers which print the Orders and Ordinances of the City, that applications for the office of Indiana Master of the Grammar School will be received until Tuesday the 28th instant at noon, in the place of William A. Shepard resigned. Candidates will be examined the day after at 10 o'clock A.M. at City Hall. In passing this vote the rules were suspended three fourths of the members present voting for the same.

Greene's first lessons

in grammar

The following order was taken from the table and passed. Ordered. That Greene's first lessons in Grammar take the place of Allen H. Wilder's abridgement subject to the conditions in our school regulations relating

to the introduction of books.

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The Committee on the subject of Smith Sch
abolishing the Smith School requested further time
to make their report, which was granted.

The Report of the Committee of the Dwight Sch.
Dwight School making an estimate of the repairs neces-
sary and the cost of the same was read and accepted.

Ordered, that Messrs. Forward, Examining Comm^{ee}
Fargent, Dupree, Higginson, Russell, Oviatt & Bosworth
be a committee to examine the candidates for the office
of Writing Master of the Summer School, in place of
William A. Shepard, resigned.

The Board voted to proceed to Masters-
by ballot to the choice of Masters of the Public Schools; chosen.
and Messrs. Jukes, Willis and T. Becker were appointed
a Committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

They reported that the following gentlemen had a majority
of votes and they were therefore declared to be elected.

Latm School.	Elias S. Dixwell.
Eng. High.	Thomas Sherwin.
Gymn for Boys.	Edwin H. Lincoln
Gymn for Girls.	Samuel L. Ordway.
Chot. Grammar Master.	William B. Ayres
Writing do.	Levi Conant
Cancock.	George Allen &

Andover	Boys' Dept.	Erving L. Sharp.
	Boys' do.	J. F. Nourse.
Mayhew.		William D. Swan
Bowdoin.	Grammar Dept.	Abraham Andrews
	Writing do.	James Robinson
Boylston.	Grammar Dept.	John C. Dore
	Writing do.	Charles Kimball
Adams.	Grammar Dept.	Samuel Barrett
	Writing do.	Samuel W. Bates
Franklin.		Warren Field.
Mills.	Grammar Dept.	Cornelius Walker
	Writing do.	Reuben Swan S.
Hawes.	Boys' Dept.	John C. Harris
	Girls' do.	Fredrick Watts
Mather.	Grammar Dept.	Josiah A. Stearns
	Writing do.	Jonathan Wallcut, Jr.
Johnson.	North	Richard B. Parker
	South.	Joseph Hale
Winthrop.	North.	Henry Williams, Jr.
	South	Samuel L. Gould
Wimmer.	Grammar Dept.	Joshua Bates, Jr.
Phillips.	Grammar Dept.	Samuel S. Greene
	Writing do.	Samuel Swan
Otis.	Grammar Dept.	Isaac F. Shepard
	Writing do.	Benjamin Drew, Jr.
Bright.		George B. Hyde
Quincy.		S. B. Plimbeck

The choice of Master of the Smith School was

as follows -

schools nominated the following persons as Ushers, Ushers, Ushers and teachers in the several schools, which nominations of teachers were confirmed and they were appointed accordingly. app^d

Latin. Francis Gardner, submaster - Edwin Davenport and Edward J. Young, ushers - English High. Francis J. Williams, Samuel M. Weston and Charles M. Cumstae, ushers - Lyman for Boys. James J. Blackinton, usher. Eliza L. Pierce, Mary O. Bulfinch, Sarah S. French, E. Jeanette Aborn, and Caroline M. Sampson, teachers. Lyman for Girls. Mary E. Grant, Bethia S. Nickerson, J. L. Prescott, Georgietta Reid, M. P. Colesworthy, Mary P. Moulton and Martha E. Symmes, teachers. Clint Quincy A. Gilmore, usher - Caroline W. Carter, Hannah Damon, Anna S. Carter, Eliza L. Felt, and Caroline A. Conant, teachers. Hancock. Percival W. Bartlett, sub-master, Henrietta L. Pierce, Sarah E. White, Hannah L. Austin, Mary A. Lewis, Helen M. Johnson, Anna M. Shelting, Achsah Barnes, and J. O. H. Eaton, teachers. Endicott. Thomas H. Chandler, usher - Mary A. Torrey, Angelina G. Brigham, Almira S. Smith, Almira W. Brigham and Jane Pearson. Mayhew Robert Swan usher - Elizabeth L. West, Anna B. Stanton, Elizabeth D. Moulton, Elizabeth P. Hopkins, and Mary S. Rowland, teachers. Bowdoin. Mary A. Murdock, Rebecca Lincoln, Mary S. Robinson, Eliza B. Mitchell, Sarah M. Mitchell, Elizabeth P. Snow and Hannah Audinet, teachers. Boylston. Franklin Webster and William J. Adams ushers - Clarinda

P. F. Treadwell, Matilda Oliver, Susan J. M. Jones
Catharine Grover, and Mary A. Harris, teachers. Adams
Ira Cheever and Bartholomew Wood, ushers — Mary S.
Brigham and Mary C. Beck, teachers. Franklin
Hannah T. Fennell and Catharine T. Simonds, Head
Assistants: Sarah L. Gale, J. A. M. Cushing, Lucy M.
Beck, Frances A. Heardon, ^{Caroline A. Green.} and Mary Jane Leach, teachers.
Wells. William H. Swan, usher — Matilda A. Gerry,
Caroline F. Houseley, Frances S. Collins and Mary Carter
teachers. Hawes for Boys. Charles A. Morrill, usher —
Ann C. Dearborn, Caroline M. Burnham, and Louisa
Henderson, teachers. Hawes for Girls. Julia M. Baxter —
H. Maria Manning, Martha C. Jukes and Harriet R.
Tillot, teachers. Mather. George T. Angell, usher —
Mary A. Moody, Lucy Floyd, Ann T. Drake, Margaret
A. Pease, Elizabeth B. Reynolds and Lucy C. Jukes and
Alice Cooper, teachers. Johnson, North. Rebecca P. Barry,
Heleen C. Faus, and Harriet W. Mudge, teachers. Johnson
South. Martha C. Towne, Almira Seymour and Mary
Jane Danforth, teachers. Winthrop North. Mary C. Wood
Eliza Briggs and Caroline C. Fales, teachers. Winthrop South
H. M. Oliver, Martha I. Cotton and Frances M. Hoffmaster
teachers. Zimmerman. Tim H. Smith and
T. Brown, ushers — Mary S. Collins and C. W. Cunnings-
ham, teachers. Phillips. Amphion Gates and John M.
Belcord, ushers. Ellen M. Lovelidge and Anne B. Sawyer
teachers. Otis. Joshua R. Lathrop, usher — J. W. J.
Copeland, Leptia Shepard, Emeline French, Caroline Palmer
and Minanda Sherman — teachers.

Dwight. James A. Page, submaster. George A. Sawyer, usher, 29.
Frances A. Tyler, Louisa Woodman, Clara Belknap,
Clarissa Guild, Elizabeth G. Underhill, Clara A. Harding
and Caroline Merrill, teachers. Quincy, Charles C. Valentine
submaster - B. W. Putnam, usher - Lydia A. Fowler
Sarah C. May, Josephine L. Tucker, Annia L. Coffin
Lydia A. Hanson, Elizabeth A. G. Philbrick, Melanctine
Whiting, Abby Ballin and J. B. Putnam, teachers.

Adjourned to Wednesday the 29th instant at
4 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

S. F. McLeary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of
the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday
the twenty ninth day of August A.D. 1872.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs
Seaver, Soule, Winkley, Brooks and Oviatt.

The Chairman called to the Chair
 Chairman-pro tem. the Rev. Samuel K. Lathrop, who acted as Chairman
 pro tempore.

Brimmer Sch.

Mr Godman offered the following
 order, which was read and laid upon the table - viz-
 Ordered that the salary of the Writing Master of the
 Brimmer School be fixed at the sum of twelve hundred
 dollars per annum.

Brimmer Sch.

Com. to examine
 Can. for master

The Committee appointed to ex-
 amine Candidates for Writing Master of the Brimmer
 School presented a list of the candidates examined,
 and recommended three who had a preference over
 the others.

The Board then proceeded by ballot
 to the choice of a Master. Messrs Russell, Emerson,
 and Godman were appointed a Committee to receive,
 sort and count the votes, which being taken, it ap-
 peared that John H. Butler had a majority and
 was chosen.

Merriam

non-resident,

The Committee to whom was re-
 ferred the petition of Jonas Merriam, an inhabitant of
 Billerica, but paying taxes in this city, that his son,
 a resident of Boston, might be permitted to attend the
 Phillips School, presented a report upon that subject,
 which was read and recommended to the same Com-
 mittee with the addition of Messrs Godman and
 Emerson, with instructions to revise and alter the rules
 alluded to in the report.

On motion of Mr Neale, Ordered 299.

Bible Soc^y

That the thanks of this Board be presented to the Rev. Mr. Parkman, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Bible Society, and to the gentlemen associated with him for their donation of fifty copies of the Scriptures to be used by the teachers in the Boston Grammar School.

Rev. Dr. Bigelow, from the Committee Smith Scho.

appointed to consider the expediency of abolishing the Smith School and of distributing its pupils among the other schools, presented a Report adverse to the abolition of the School, to which was appended the following Resolves. viz -

Resolved: That in the opinion of this Board the abolition of the Smith School, in accordance with the prayer of sundry petitioners, under existing circumstances, would be a measure injurious and inexpedient; and that, if hereafter called for by the public ^{voice}, under explicit sanctions of the law, its execution at this juncture would be, in an especial manner, premature and impolitic.

Resolved: That the interests of the School and the claims of equity demand a recurrence to earlier usages of this Board in the appointment of teachers, and that for the future a preference should be given to competent colored applicants in elections to the office of Master.

Mr Russell, from the same Committee presented a Minority Report upon the same subject, which was read.

The Majority Report was then accepted and the resolutions, there recorded, were passed.

300.

Smith Sch. rept.
to be printed.

Ordered: That five hundred copies
of the two Reports on the subject of the abolition of the Smith
School be printed.

Smith Sch.

Ordered: That the Secretary adver-
tise that applications in writing for the office of Master
of the Smith School will be received at City Hall
until Tuesday the 11th day of September next at ten
o'clock A.M. The candidates to be people of color and
graduates of some respectable college.

Smith Sch.

Candidates

Com. to examine

Ordered: That Messrs Bigelow,
Tara, Supra, Emerson, Winkley, Brooks, & Lathrop be
a Committee to examine the candidates for the office
of Master of the Smith School. The examination to
take place on Tuesday the 11th day of September next
commencing at 10 o'clock A.M. On passing the fore-
going order the rules were suspended three fourths of the
members present voting for the same.

Hancock & Endicott

Schools

motion to transfer

certain teachers

Dr. Spence offered the following
order which was read and laid upon the table - viz
Ordered: That Loring Lathrop, Master of the Endicott
School be transferred to act in the capacity of Master
of the Hancock School, and that Percival W. Bartlett
Submaster of the Hancock School be transferred to the
Endicott School.

[See page 304.]

The Board then adjourned to
Wednesday the 12th day of September next at 4 o'clock
P.M.

Attest: S. F. McLeary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Wednesday
the twelfth day of September A.D. 1849.

Present.

The whole board, except the Chairman, Messrs Foul, Emerson, Winkley, Brooks, Lothrop, Banvard, Dupre, Oviatt and Bosworth. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr Leaver, the President of the Common Council, presided.

On motion of Mr Jenks -

Ordered, That Messrs Jenks, Gram. School
Neale, Lothrop, Banvard, Reed, Bosworth and Wiggles- 12th ward.
worth be a committee to form and report a plan of
organization for the Grammar School in the 12th ward,
which is to occupy the house now in course of construction
there; to suggest such other arrangements as may be
necessary to put the same into complete operation;
and to submit an appropriate name whereby said

School shall be designated.

Feb^{ry} rep. name

of said Sch.

Resolutions of L. L. Pickman and others that the said school may be named the "Washington School" - and of Josiah Danksam and others, and of C. J. F. Allen and others that it may be called the "Bigelow School" were referred to the above Committee.

Dwight Sch.

substitutes.

The following order was read and referred to Messrs. Oratt, Dupes and Palmer. viz.
Ordered: That the sum of \$216 be paid to George W. Hyde, Master of the Dwight School; that amount having been paid by him to the several substitutes in said school during his late illness.

Quincy Sch.

ap^{pt}. teacher

Ordered: That the salary of Mrs P. W. Putnam, who was confirmed as assistant teacher in the Quincy School on the 15th day of August last, commence on the 5th of April last, that being the time when she entered on the duties of her office.

Regulations on
amending.

On motion of Mr Wigglesworth the following amendment to the Regulations was proposed, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. viz. Ordered, That Article 2^d of Chapter I. of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the word "ought" in the 5th line, the following, "The latter Committee shall report the case to the Board of School Committee at the next meeting of the Board, and if the action of the Subcommittees is not confirmed by the Board, and said Report is not made to the Board at

and meeting it shall be the duty of the master or mistress of
the school into which the child shall have been admitted,
immediately to discharge said paper.

The following preamble and order, together Drawing in
with the Petition of B. F. Nutting in relation to the same subject, gram. sch.
were read and laid upon the table.

Whereas it is understood that a number of female teachers in
the Grammar Schools are desirous of attending a second
course of twenty four lessons in Drawing under the care
of Mr B. F. Nutting for the purpose of becoming better
qualified to teach this branch of study -

Ordered: That, for the purpose of defraying the expense,
the sum of four dollars be allowed to every female teacher
who may attend such course - it being understood that
Mr Nutting shall visit two schools each week during the
continuance of the lessons to inspect the drawings of
the pupils and to aid in the instruction given them.

On motion of Mr Willis, Ordered: That Teachers now
the Chairman of the Subcommittee of the High and Gram resident
mar Schools of Boston be required to inform this Board
in their next Quarterly Reports, the number of Teachers in
their respective Schools who reside out of the City, giving
their names, and the salary paid to each respectively.

The Committee to whom the report Meriam was referred
on the petition of Susan Meriam was recommended, reported parents of pupils
that, in consultation with the City Solicitor, they are

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not prepared to recommend any alteration of the order already adopted by this Board on the subject of non-resident pupils. Which report was read and accepted.

Smith Sch:

Master:

The Committee appointed to examine candidates for Master of the Smith School reported that two applications were made for the office, but that only one candidate appeared, to be examined, viz. Mr Thomas Paul. Which report was read and placed on file.

The Board then voted to proceed by ballot to the choice of a master of the Smith School: and Messrs Bigelow, Godman and Beecher were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes, which being taken it appeared that the whole number was 16, necessary for a choice 9. Thomas Paul had 15, and was accordingly elected.

Homcock & Endicott

Sch^s.

The order respecting an exchange of masters of the Homcock and Endicott Schools was taken from the table, and referred to Messrs Spence Godman Beecher, Bates and Palmer. [See page 300]

Latin & High Sch:

Sub-masters

Ordered: That the salaries of the Sub-masters of the Latin and English High Schools be \$1500 in the next school year. This order was read, and laid on the table; afterwards, it was called up, and, on the question of passing the same was rejected.

Evening Sch:

On motion of Trév. Mr Bigelow the following resolution was adopted. viz.

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(Resolved: That in view of the wants of a large class of population in our midst both juvenile and adult, it is expedient that public provision be made for the establishment of Evening Schools in convenient quarters of the City, and that the Committee appointed by this Board on the seventh day of January last past to confer & cooperate with the Standing Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction, be requested to urge upon the latter the importance of making early arrangements for carrying into effect the measure proposed by this resolution.

The Board then adjourned for two weeks, viz. Sept. 26th 1849. 4 o'clock P.M. Attest:

S. F. McCleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of September A.D. 1849.

Present

The whole Board except the Chairman, Messrs Beecher, Gould, Winkley, Brooks, Willis, Barnard and Sargent.

Mr. Leaver, the President of the Common Council, presided.

Mr. Leaver then announced that

of the Primary School Committee was received, read and
passed in its.

School in Ward
12.
Bigelow sch.

The Committee appointed to form a
plan of organization for the new School in Ward No. XII.
to suggest such other arrangements as may seem expe-
dient and to submit an appropriate name, having attended
to that duty present the subjoined Report: Your Com-
mittee find three Grammar Schools already existing as
separate organizations, and in successful operation in
Ward 12. These schools are now fully supplied with
able and faithful Teachers. One of these schools, the
Mather, is on the double-headed plan. The other two, the
one a girls' and the other a boys' school, entirely distinct
from each other, now occupy the Hawes School House.

The only thing we here needed, and still need, is more room
to accommodate the large increasing number of pupils,
which are crowded into the two houses now occupied. This
will be secured when we shall be permitted to take possession
of the commodious and splendid edifice rapidly hastening
to its completion. In re-arranging these schools, the
chief thing to be sought, it seems to your Committee, is
their proper distribution for the occupancy of the Three school
houses. And it further seems desirable to adopt such
a plan of distribution as shall disturb the present organ-
izations as little as possible.

The following plan appears, in the judgment of your Com-
mittee, the most feasible and judicious and is submitted for
the adoption of the Board.

allow the time which was existing to remain in present form of organization, which seems desirable for many reasons. Transfer the Girls' School now occupying the upper room in the Hawes School House to the new House when ready for occupation. To secure a proper apportionment of the pupils; remove the line of division between the two districts, from D. Street to the middle of C. Street, which was formerly the line of division but the more rapid increase of the upper district made the change necessary.

Adopting this plan the Maltese School will be left undisturbed with the number of its pupils so diminished as to relieve it. The Boys' School in the upper district would be enlarged and would be accommodated with outside rooms in the Hawes School House. The Girls' School also enlarged, would find similar accommodations in the new House. The only change required by this plan in the matter of Teachers is, that so many Assistant teachers should be withdrawn from the Maltese School, as should correspond to the number of pupils taken therefrom; which Assistants will be needed in the schools where those pupils will go respectively. It will also be desirable to make the office of Usher in the Boys' School, which will be the Hawes School, that of Submaster; as the person who fills that office will have charge of a large and separate room and of a larger number of pupils. No other change seems to be necessary in the judgment of your Committee.

It will be perceived that this plan will leave the Grammar Schools of the 12th Ward uncomplicated and almost undisturbed in their present mode of existence. No new

Teachers will be required till a further increase of pupils demands additional Assistants. And the increase of expense will be very slight, only \$200. Your Committee know of no other plan which does not involve many difficulties.

Your Committee also recommend that the four rooms on the lower floor of the New House be appropriated to the use of the Primary School - suitable rooms being much needed by them in that vicinity.

In regard to an appropriate appellation for the House itself sundry petitions have been laid before your Committee suggesting various favorite names, and urging special considerations in behalf of each. The honored names of Washington, Bigelow and Lawrence have been proposed: - all deserving as permanent a memorial, at least, as this may now be; and either of which, when deliberately adopted by the Board Committee, would doubtless be satisfactory to the community, for whose benefit this magnificent structure has been reared. The majority of your Committee have, however, united in submitting to the Board the name of "Bigelow".

Your Committee, under the general power assigned to them would further state, that the erection of a cupola upon the roof of the new building to be used as an observatory, would add not only to the beauty but to the utility of the institution.

From this lofty position there is one of the most charming and scenic views interesting prospects within our vicinity. The expense of such an improvement would be comparatively trifling; while the advantage of it especially in the practical advancement of astronomical studies - besides the gratification it would afford to the inhabitants of the Ward - would be a real value.

For the Committee. J. H. Jenkins, Chairman. Read and
accepted and thereupon Ordered that Messrs. Fremont
Jenkins, and Bates be a committee to carry out the ar-
rangements of the Schools in said Ward, as reported by the
committee.

Mr Emerson stated that he voted in favor of the
above report under a wrong impression and gave notice that
at the next meeting he should move a reconsideration of the
vote whereby it was accepted.

Mr Reed called up from the table the order Drawing
he offered at the last meeting concerning the employment
of Mr Nutting as an instructor in drawing. It was con-
sidered and rejected. Mr Reed gave notice that he
should move a reconsideration of the said vote.

Mr Elliott, from the Committee appointed in Dwight Sch.
that purpose reported the following order. viz. Ordered Hyde
that there be paid to George W. Hyde, Master of the
Dwight School, the sum of two hundred and sixteen dollars
that amount having been paid by him to the several substitutes
in said school, during his late illness. The committee
were unanimously in favor of the same. Read and accepted.

On motion of Mr Wigglesworth, the amend- Regulations -
ment to Section 28. of Chapter I of the Regulations, amendment.
which was proposed by him at the last meeting was taken
up and adopted with the following additional amend-
ments. viz. strike out "District" and insert "Section" -
after the word "Board" and before the word "and" insert

"with the reasons of such transfer". So that the whole Section as finally amended and adopted reads as follows.
 "Section 28. No pupil, whose parents or guardian reside in the City shall be admitted to or retained in any school except that for the Section in which such pupil resides, without the written consent of the Subcommittees both of the School to which the pupil belongs and of that to which admission is sought - the latter Committee shall report the case to the Board of School Committee, at the next meeting of the Board with the reasons of such transfer, and if the action of the Sub-Committees is not confirmed by the Board or if said Report is not made to the Board at said meeting, it shall be the duty of the Master, or Masters of the School, into which the child shall have been admitted, immediately to discharge said pupil."

Grammar Scho^s.

boundaries of sections.

On motion of Dr. Moore, Messrs Moore, Jenks and Palmer were appointed a committee to define the boundaries of the several Grammar School sections.

Salaries - of masters

&c.

On motion of Mr Wigglesworth it was Ordered, that the salaries of the Masters, Submasters, Ushers and Female Assistants in the Grammar and District Schools be fixed at the same amount as was paid during the past year, with such changes as the rules require.

Latin & English High Sch^s

Salaries

Dr. Moore offered an order that the salaries of the Masters of the Latin and English High Schools be \$2000 each per annum, and that the sala-

ries of the Submasters of said Schools to \$1500 each

per annum. On taking the question, the order was divided into two parts, and the Yeas and Nays being required, upon the first part were taken as follows, viz.

Yeas. Messrs. Spence, Parmenter, Moore, Palmer. 4. Yeas & Nays

Nays. Messrs. Bigelow, Reed, Godman, Bates, Wigglesworth

Russell, Dupree, Priatt, Bosworth, Jenks, and Leaver. 11.

So the motion did not obtain.

Mr Reed then offered an order that Latin Sch.

the salary of the Submaster of the Latin School be fixed sub master

at \$1800 per annum: and the Yeas and Nays being

required were taken as follows, viz. Yeas. Messrs. Bigelow Yeas & Nays

Reed, Godman, Bates, Wigglesworth, Russell, Dupree, Priatt

Bosworth, Jenks and Leaver. 11. Nays. Messrs. Spence

Parmenter, Moore, and Palmer. 4. So the order was a-

adopted.

Mr Jenks moved that the salary of Eng. High Sch.

the Submaster of the English High School be fixed at sub-master

\$1800 instead of 1500 as heretofore: but on motion

of Mr Godman the whole subject of the salary of the

Submaster of said school was referred to the Subcommittee

of that school.

Ordered. That the Salaries of the Latin & Eng. High sch.

Masters of the Latin and English High Schools be fixed Salaries.

at 2400 dollars per annum. The Yeas and Nays

being required upon this motion the same were taken as

follows, viz. Yeas. Messrs. Palmer, Bigelow, Reed, Godman Yeas & Nays.

Bates, Wigglesworth, Russell, Dupree, Jenks and Leaver. 10.

Nays. Messrs. Spence, Parmenter, Moore, and Oviatt. 4
The order was adopted.

The Board then adjourned to Wednesday
October 10th at 4.0 clock. P.M.

Attest:

S. F. McLean,

Secretary

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
Wednesday the tenth day of October A.D. 1849.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs
Seaver, Neale, Brooks, Willis and Dupee.

Barnes

Petition of A. S. Barnes and Co.

Parker's Rhetorical
exercises in Rhetorical
Reading.

have "Exercises in Rhetorical Reading" by Richard
L. Parker introduced into the Schools. Referred to the
Committee on Books.

North American
Second Class Reader.

The following motion made by Mr
[unclear] was read and referred to the Committee on Books. viz.
Ordered that the "North American Second Class Reader" be in-
troduced as an additional reading book into the second

classes of the Grammar Schools; the same having been examined and approved by the Committee on Books, and in their report of August last highly recommended to the favorable attention of this Board.

Mr Emerson made the following motion Hawes school
 Mr. Resolved, That so much of the order of the Board passed at the last meeting, as authorized a special committee to change the organization of the Hawes School be reconsidered. Which motion did not prevail.

The Sub-committee of the English High English High Sch.
 School to whom was referred the subject of the salaries of the Instructors
 several instructors of the English High School have considered the matter and have fully examined the applications and claims of two of the instructors for an increase of salary and respectfully submit the following order. Ordered, That the salaries of the several instructors of the English High School be fixed at the same amount this year as the last with such increase as is provided for by the rules - with the exception of the salary of the first Usher, Mr F. S. Williams, and that the salary of that instructor be fixed at fifteen hundred Dollars per annum & that he rank as the Second Submaster of the School; and that the second Section of the Regulations of the English High School be altered accordingly, so as to read "two Submasters" instead of "a submaster". Respectfully submitted by
 J. K. Lathrop, for the committee. Read and accepted and the order passed.

The Order respecting a change of certain
 Endicott & Hancock teachers in the Endicott and Hancock ^{Schools} which was
 laid upon the table at the last meeting of the Board was
 taken from the table, and again laid thereon for the pur-
 pose of considering the following substitute. viz. Ordered,
 That the organization of the Hancock School be restored
 to its former state by the appointment of a writing master,
 with the usual salary, and by assigning to the present
 master the duties of a grammar master - This order
 also, after a considerable discussion, was laid upon the table.

The meeting was then adjourned
 Attest,

S. F. McLeary,
 Secretary.

At a Quarterly meeting of the School Com-
 mittee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on
 Wednesday the seventh day of November. A. D. 1849.

Present

The whole Board except the Chairman, Messrs Moore
 Foul, Emerson, Winkley, Lothrop, Willis and Russell.

Quarterly Rep.^y

Quarterly Reports were made by the
 committees of the several Schools which were read
 and accepted.

Petition of the Wesleyan Church. 315.

by a Subcommittee, in relation to exclusive services Wesleyan Chh.
for colored children, was read and referred to the Sub-
committee of the Smith School, and Messrs. Brewster
and Thistle added.

The Subcommittee of the Quincy Transfers of
and Girls would report that Mrs. J. L. Smith and pupils approved
the transfer from the Quincy to the Dwight School, and
the subcommittees of the Adams and Boylston School
reported that Patrick Paul had been transferred from
the Adams to the Boylston School - which transfers were
approved by the Board.

A Memorial of sundry teachers Teachers of Schools
in the several schools, respecting a recent decision of respecting a decision
the Court of Common Pleas against one of their number of C. respecting flag.
in punishing a pupil for an offence committed out - ging of a pupil
school - and praying that until such decision be re-
versed, they may be relieved from the duty imposed upon
them in the 11th section of the 1st Chapter of the standing
regulations of the School Committee, was read and
referred to Messrs. Codman, Reed, and Palmer.

Petition of the Parents of Pupils Latin School - Also
of the Latin School in favor of the application of the Transfer Eng. High School.
that that school should have but one session of the one session
school from 7 to 2 o'clock during the winter term
of the winter season inasmuch as the pupils reside in

all parts of the city. Read and Thompson desired that the Masters of the Latin and English High School be allowed to keep school until 2 o'clock on days when the weather is stormy, and to dispense with the afternoon session on such occasions.

Chapman
School

Ordered: That the new grammar and writing school at East Boston be and it hereby is designated as the Chapman School.

Bibles

Ordered: That the masters of the several schools of this city be requested to report the number of Bibles required for the use of the Teachers, that they may be furnished agreeably to an order already recorded in this board.

Franklin sch.

Ordered: That the subcommittee of the Franklin School be authorized to obtain a Terrestrial Globe for said school.

Otis sch.

Teacher

The sitting room was read and referred to Messrs. Smith, Luce and Palmer. in ordered. That the sum of twenty-three dollars be paid to Miss Sarah W. I. Copeland, a teacher in the Otis School: that amount having been paid to a substitute employed by her during her sickness and absence from said school four weeks - from March 5. to April 2^d. of the present year.
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Hancock sch.

Ordered: That twenty dollars be

recommended to purchase Cullen's *Antiquities* for the use of the Hancock School - referred to the committee on Books.

Ordered. That a copy of the surface Map of Map^a Model Map of Massachusetts by E. Irvine Hitchcock be furnished to each of the Grammar Schools in the Department in which Geography is taught, and also a copy each to the Latin and English High Schools.

The Committee on Books to whom Books
was referred an Order at the last meeting of the Board
for the introduction of the "North American Second Class
Reader" recently prepared by Cornelius Walker have in-
structed me to report that they have had the same under
consideration and that while they retain the opinion, al-
ready expressed, of the general excellence of this Reader
yet inasmuch as by our Regulations no books can
be introduced until after the next August vacation, they
see no reason at present to propose an addition to the
number of reading books now in use.

They have also had under considera-
tion the "Rhetorical Reader" prepared by R. G. Parker,
with which they are much gratified but for the reason
already assigned do not at present propose its intro-
duction to the Schools.

The Committee have for some
time had in their hands a book on "Practical Hy-
giene" by Edward Jarvis, M.D. and George

was accordingly requested to introduce it as a textbook into the Boston Schools yet such is their opinion of the high merits of the work that they feel disposed to recommend it to the favorable consideration of the present Board or of those who may succeed us. All which is respectfully submitted by Rollin H. Davis, Chairman of Committee on Books, Read and accepted.

Schools - boundaries of.

The Committee appointed to define the boundaries of the several grammar school sections presented a report upon that subject was ~~read~~ read laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Hyatt

The Motion of James H. Hyatt to leave to deliver lectures on Galvanic electricity, Electro Magnetism and Electric Telegraphs in the Boston Schools was read and laid on the table.

Adjourned to Wednesday the twenty first inst at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

J. F. McLeary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Com. 319.
mittee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
Thursday the twenty first day of November A.D. 1849.
Present

The Chairman and the whole board, except Messrs.
Willis Dupee, Bosworth and Jenks.

Ordered, That the Subcommittee Mayhew
of the Mayhew School be authorized to employ an School.
Usher in the lower room of said School instead of two
female teachers. The above order passed three fourths
of the members present voting to suspend the Rules for
that purpose.

The Committee on the Memorial Sch^r masters &
of the Masters of the Boston Schools, in relation to the Teachers
subject of their control over their pupils as to offences
committed out of School hours ask leave to report -
That they are informed that the suit referred to in
said memorial will probably be carried up to the
Supreme Court for the determination of the question of
Law therein raised, and that as such determination will
be as expeditious a mode as any, which the Committee
can devise for ascertaining what the law is on the
points stated in the said memorial, your Committee
recommend the suspension of any further action
of the Board on the subject until the decision of the
Supreme Court shall be made known. John Goodman,
Amasa Tice, E. D. G. Palmer. Read and accepted.

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Evening Sch.

The Committee upon the subject of establishing Evening Schools reported an affirmative opinion in the establishment of said schools; but upon the question being taken the same was rejected.

Eng. High Sch.

Salary of Sub. Mast.

The Subcommittee of the English High School offered the following Order - viz -
Ordered. That one hundred dollars be given to Mr Luther Robinson of the English High School in addition to his salary for the current year: And the question being taken thereon the same was rejected.

Adjourned to Wednesday, December 5th 1849.
4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

S. F. McCleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Com- 321.
mittee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on
the fifth day of December, A. D. 1849.

Present

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs.
Lever, Pence, Winkler, Godman, Willis, & Perkins.

Ordered, That the salaries of the Latin sch.
Ushers in the Latin School be the same as they were the Ushers.
last year, with such changes as the regulations
require.

Ordered That the sum of seventy Dwight sch.
five dollars be paid to Miss Mary Cigood for her term Teacher
of service as teacher in the Dwight School; said term
commencing on the 10th of September last and ending
on the 10th of the present month.

The Committee, to whom was referred Otis sch.
an order to pay Miss Copeland, a teacher in the Otis Teacher
School, twenty three dollars, as compensation for the
employment of a substitute during her sickness, repor-
ted that said order ought to pass - which report
was accepted.

The Special Committee to whom Wesleyan Chh.
was referred a Petition of the First Wesleyan Church
of this City, praying for the abolition of the exclusive
schools for colored children, reported, that the

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subject having been embraced and examined at length in a Report presented on the 29th of August last past to this Body and adopted by the same, the committee aforesaid do not deem it expedient to recommend any further action thereon. Read and accepted.

Franklin sch.

Maps.

Ordered. That the Subcommittee of the Franklin School be authorized to procure a sett of Mitchell's outline Maps for the use of the pupils in the lower room of said School.

Dwight sch.

Maps.

Ordered. That one Sett of Outline Maps be furnished for the use of the Scholars in the basement story of the Dwight School.

Shaw

Communication from John H. Shaw and others of Nantucket in relation to exclusive schools for colored children - Read and laid on the Table.

Schools - new
organization proposed.

The following Resolution offered by Mr. Briggs, after a considerable discussion was laid upon the table - viz - Resolved. That a new organization of our Schools; whereby more instruction and better government shall be secured at less expense is practicable.

School sections.

The Report of the Committee appointed to define the boundaries of the different school sections of this City, was taken from the table, amen-

and accepted, and the different school sections were adopted as follows.

Plot for Boys. Commencing at Charles River Bridge thence through the centre of Prince to Salem street, thence through the centre of Salem to Richmond street, thence through the centre of Richmond street to the water by Commercial street, thence by the water to bound first named.

Endicott for Boys. Commencing at the water opposite the centre of Richmond street, thence through the centre of Richmond to Salem street thence through the centre of Salem to Prince street, thence through the centre of Prince street to Charles River Bridge, thence by Charles River to the Maine Railroad, thence by said Railroad and Haymarket Square to Cross street, thence through the centre of Cross street to the water thence by the water to bound first named.

Otis School for Boys. Commencing at Haymarket Square, thence through the centre of Merrimac to Causeway street, thence through the centre of Causeway and across Leveitt through the centre of the alley to Chambers street, thence through the centre of Chambers to Poplar street, thence through the centre of Poplar street to Charles River, thence by said river to the Maine Railroad and Haymarket Square to the bound first named.

Phillips School for Boys. Commencing at the Mill Dam, including the townland on both sides of the Mill Dam road, thence by the water to opposite the centre of Poplar street thence through the centre of Poplar street to Chambers street thence through the centre of Chambers and

Commencing at the corner of Belknap
to Beacon street thence through the centre of Beacon
street to bound first named.

May Low School for Boys. Commencing at the water
front corner street thence through the centre of Cross
street to Haymarket square, thence through the centre
thence through the centre of Gainsway
St. Ann's to Gainsway street, and across Everett
street and through the centre of the alley to Chambers St
thence through the centre of Chambers Street and across
Cambridge and through the centre of Belknap to Beacon
street, thence through the centre of Beacon and across
Tremont and through the centre of School to Washington
street thence through the centre of Washington to State
street on the South side of the old State house, thence through
the centre of State street to the water, thence by the wharves
to bound first named.

Adams School for Boys. Commencing at the Mill Dam
thence by the water to the Providence Railroad, thence by
said Railroad and across Pleasant and through the centre
of Eliot to Washington street, thence through the centre of
Washington to Essex street thence through the centre of
Essex to Lincoln street, thence through the centre of Lin-
coln to Summer street, thence through the centre of Sum-
mer street to Federal street, thence through the centre of
Federal to Milk street, thence through the centre of Milk
to Congress street thence through the centre of Congress
to State street thence through the centre of State street on
the South side of the old State House to Washington street,
thence through the centre of Washington to School street, thence

through the centre of School Street and across Tremont and through the centre of Beacon Street to bound first named. Brimmer School for Boys. Commencing at the water by the Providence Railroad, thence by said Railroad and the centre of Eliot to Washington ^{thence through the centre of Washington Street} to the Worcester Railroad, thence by said Railroad to the water, thence by the water to bound first named.

Dwight School for Boys. Includes in its limits all of Boston south of the centre of Dover Street.

Quincy School for Boys. Commencing at South Boston Bridge at Dover Street, thence through the centre of Dover Street to the water, thence by the water to the Worcester Railroad, thence by said Railroad to Washington Street, thence through the centre of Washington to Essex Street, thence through the centre of Essex to Lincoln Street, thence through the centre of Lincoln to Summer Street, thence through the centre of Summer Street to the water, thence by the water to the bound first named.

Boylston School for Boys. Commencing at the water opposite Federal Street thence through the centre of Federal to Milk Street, thence through the centre of Milk to Congress Street, thence through the centre of Congress to State Street thence through the centre of State Street to the water, thence by the water to bound first named.

Lyman School for Girls and Boys. Includes all of East Boston.

Smith School for colored Girls and Boys. Includes all of East Boston, Boston Proper, and South Boston,

Hannock for Girls. Commencing at the water opposite Foster street thence through the centre of Foster street to Charter street, thence through the centre of Charter to Salem street, thence through the centre of Salem to Morton street, thence through the centre of Morton to Endicott street thence through the centre of Endicott Street to Cross street, thence through the centre of Cross street and through Haymarket square and the centre of Union to Hanover street, thence through the centre of Hanover to Court street, thence through the centre of Court and across Washington through the centre of State Street on the South side of the Old State House to the water thence by the water to the bound first named.

Endicott School for Girls. Commencing at the water near the Maine Railroad, thence by said Railroad and Haymarket Square to Cross street, thence through the centre of Cross street to Endicott street thence through the centre of Endicott to Morton street, thence through the centre of Morton to Salem street, thence through the centre of Salem Street to Charter Street, thence through the centre of Charter to Foster street, thence through the centre of Foster street and across Commercial street to the water, thence by the water to bound first named.

Otis School for Girls. Commencing at the water by the Maine Railroad, thence by said Railroad to Haymarket Square, thence through the centre of Union to Hanover street, thence through the centre of Hanover to Court street thence through the centre of Court Street, Haymarket square and Union street to the boundary line of Ward 5.

at Staniford Inlet

thence by said boundary line to the water, thence by the water to bound first named.

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Hells School for Girls. Its boundaries are those of Land No. 5.

Bowdoin School for Girls. Commencing at Cambridge Bridge, thence through the centre of Cambridge street to Staniford thence through the centre of Staniford to Green street thence through the centres of Lion street Bowdoin Square and Court to Washington street, thence through the centre of Washington to West street, thence through the centre of West to Tremont street, thence across the Common to the Mill Dam, including the tenements on both sides of the Mill Dam Road, thence by the water to bound first named.

Johnson School for Girls. Commencing at the water near the Mill Dam, thence across the Common to West street thence through the centre of West street and Bedford street to Rowe street thence through the centre of Rowe and across Essex street and through the centre of Harrison Avenue to Pine street, thence through the centre of Pine to Washington thence through the centre of Washington to Warren street thence through the centre of Warren to Tremont street thence through the centre of Tremont street to the Worcester Railroad thence by said Railroad to the water, thence by the water to bound first named

Winthrop School for Girls. Commencing at the water opposite the centre of Orange street, ^{thence through the centre of Orange street} to Harrison Avenue thence through the centre of Harrison Avenue to Essex and across Essex and through the centre

of Rowe to Bedford street thence through the centre of Bedford to Washington street, thence through the centre of Washington to the centre of State street, on the north side of the old State House, thence through the centre of State to opposite the centre of Congress, thence through the centre of Congress to Atkinson thence along the East side of Atkinson street to the water, thence by the water to bound first named.

Boylston School for Girls. Commencing at the water opposite the centre of Atkinson street, thence along the East side of Atkinson street and through the centre of Congress street to State street, thence through the centre of State street to the water, thence by the water to bound first named.

Franklin School for Girls. Commencing at the water opposite Orange street thence through the centre of Orange street to Harrison Avenue, thence through the centre of Harrison Avenue to Pine street, thence through the centre of Pine street and Washington street to Warren street thence through the centre of Warren to Tremont street, thence through the centre of Tremont street to the Worcester Railroad, thence by said Railroad to the water, thence by the water to South Williams street, thence through the centre of South Williams street to Washington street thence through the centre of Washington to Malden street, thence through the centre of Malden street to the water, thence by the water to bound first named.

Wright school for Girls. Its boundaries include all of Boston south of the centres of South Williams and Malden streets.

Mather and Hawes Schools for Girls and Boys.

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include all of South Boston divided from each other by the centre of D. street the Mather being the westerly, and the Hawes the easterly sections. When the Bigelow School shall be completed it is proposed to remove the limits of the present schools from D. to C. streets, the Mather being for Girls and Boys, as now, and the Hawes for Boys only, and the Bigelow school being intended for Girls only and to include all of South Boston east of C. street.

In conclusion your Committee would remark that in attending to the duty of defining the boundaries of the several Grammar School Sections they are fully convinced of the necessity of the undertaking. In a number of instances Teachers were found quite as ignorant of the limits of their districts as were some, if not all of us. In one instance, the same territory was claimed by three teachers of contiguous schools, and in various other instances, the same territory has been claimed by two. In other cases parts of the City have been found claimed by none, and included in no district. Such places have been cared for and located in such sections as expediency seemed to demand. Before proceeding in their duty letters were addressed by the Chairman of the Committee to each master requesting of him the boundaries of his school district. Answers were promptly returned by nearly all. Where the bounds were well defined as few alterations have been made in the original divisions as possible. Where there were conflicting claims your Committee have exercised their judgment and impartially defined the

the limits as to them seemed just.

At the suggestion of the Master of the Boylston School that he had not as many scholars as could be conveniently accommodated, the limits of that school have been extended from Atkinson to Federal Street, and is believed without any detriment to any other school.

A few other alterations of limits have been made, where convenience and expediency seemed to indicate the necessity.

Respectfully submitted. E. B. Moore, J. H. Jenks, E. D. G. Palmer. Committee.

Ordered, That the boundaries of the several Grammar School Sections, be those designated by the Committee appointed for that purpose: provided that all scholars now in the schools may be permitted to remain where they are.

Ordered. That the Secretary be directed to furnish to the Master of each school the boundaries of its section together with the order in relation to the attendance of scholars.
Read, accepted, and the orders passed.

Adjourned to Wednesday December. 19. 1849
at 4 o'clock. P.M.

Attest:

S. F. McLeary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday the nineteenth day of December. A.D. 1849.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole Board except Messrs. Leaver, Loule, Winkley, Lothrop, Willis, Bates, Dupee, Targent and Oviatt.

An order to pay an extra quarter's salary to Ambrose Wellington, late master of the Smith School, was read and referred to the next School board.

Wellington

Ordered, That the appointment of Miss Bora Norton as assistant teacher in the Quincy school be confirmed; she having served three months: and that her salary commence on the 18th day of September last.

Quincy Sch.

Order to pay

Miss Rebecca A. Trout is nominated as an assistant teacher in the Girls department of the Hawes School in place of Miss Harriet R. Talbot resigned.

Hawes sch.

Teacher nominated.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty one 92/100 dollars be paid to Mrs Nancy M. Smith late teacher in the Dwight School for services in that school from Octr 29th 1849 to Dec. 31st 1849.

Dwight sch.

Order to pay.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty two dollars be paid to Miss Lucy C. Jenks being the amount paid by her for the employment of a substitute at the Mather School during her sickness from Sept. 1st

Mather sch.

Order to pay.

to Oct. 19th 1849 -

minutes of
school

The Committee of the Mills school reported that one pupil residing in the Otis school district had been permitted to enter the Mills school. Accepted.

The Committee of the Bowdoin school reported that Ann E. Learned and Helen A. Croup residing in the Otis school district had been permitted to attend the former school. Accepted.

The Committee of the Mayhew school reported that John Williams residing in said School section had been transferred to the Otis school. Accepted.

Chairman

On motion of Mr Russell, it was

Vote of thanks to

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be presented to his Honor John P. Bigelow, ex officio, Chairman of the School Committee for the faithful, efficient and impartial manner, in which he has presided over their deliberations for the past year and for the readiness with which he has supported their effort to maintain and advance the common school system of this City.

To which his Honor, the Mayor made a suitable reply -

Secretary

Ordered. That there be paid to

the Secretary of this Board the sum of three

hundred dollars in full for his services during the present year.

Ordered. That there be paid Messenger
 to the Messenger of this Board the sum of One once to pay
 hundred and fifty Dollars in full for his services
 the present year.

No other business appearing be-
 fore them the Board adjourned sine die.

Attest: S. F. McLeary,
 Secretary.

Models awarded in 1849.

Girls -

Winterville.

Elizabeth Leatherbee

Mary E. Mitchell

Caroline S. C. Greeley.

Caroline B. Fairbanks

Elizabeth M. Turner

Rosalta M. Rich

Wells

Mary Ann Gordon

Laura E. Curtis

Charlotte A. Jellison

Maria C. Chase

Mary E. Goodwin

Josephine L. Goodwin

Bowdoin

Georgianna L. Fazio

Cornelia Hobart

Ellen S. Kuhn

Louisa B. Peabody

Adeline L. Fodge

Catherine V. Fullam

Hancock

Charlotte L. Stockwell

Estline T. Cutter

Eliza W. Harrod

Anna C. Ellis

Julia S. Bogardus

Augusta L. Eaton

Franklin

Augusta S. Davis

Ann C. Jones

Eliza W. Hurd

Louisa M. Stevens

Elmira H. Jackson

Margaret S. Merrill

London

Elizabeth Willard

Ann S. Davis

Abigail C. Threl

Frances C. Falch

Fannie C. Dyer

Henrietta Holman

Boyleston

Ellen M. S. Treadwell
 Mary P. Coleman
 Harriet A. Pratt

Albion

Frank S. Brown
 Louisa P. Titcomb
 Charlotte E. Dillaway

Hawes

Jessie M. Farlane
 Myra S. Butterfield
 C. Augusta Mott

Albion

Bethiah T. L. Pratt
 Adelme M. French
 Susan M. Pope

Endicott

Caroline H. Rice
 Ann M. Parkman
 Ellen P. Hooper

Lyman

Oliver L. Gardiner
 Margaret R. Goodwin
 Lucretia B. Foster

Smith

Frances A. Phillips
 Sarah M. Cooper

BoysLatin

Gordon Bartlett
 Charles W. Eliot
 William Henry Rowe

Frederick Haskell Crocker
 Francis Augustus Brown
 Wm. Henry Davis

Eng. High

Henry A. Truman
 Charles William Snow
 John Fisk Pearson

George Chapin Truncy
 John Worcester
 John Everett Emerson

Brimmer

William Henry Allen	George Munroe Nettelle
Edward Coddingdon	Francis McNeil Bacon
Ernest Spring Holden	William Kunhardt Perkins

Dunice

William T. Putnam	James H. Nettelle
Francis W. Richardson	William F. B. Jackson
James H. Ellis	George H. Drew

Phillips

Charles T. Wyman	James M. Hubbard
Samuel S. Pollard	Chas. W. G. Mansfield
George W. Chapman	Calvin E. Rice

Eliot

Samuel W. Everett	Edward O. Eaton
Nelson E. Chandler	Frederic A. Prescott
Charles E. Fitch	James M. Alden

Mayhew

Robert Bacon, Jr.	Charles W. Romney
Joshua G. Beals	George A. Edwards
William G. Davis	John S. Hodder

Adams

Calvin E. Niebuhr	John A. Sparks
James C. Ingols	Samuel C. Barnett
Charles H. Dow	Albert P. Lovejoy

Wright

George H. Davis	Herbert Dickinson
John G. Broughton	Francis C. Harris

Israel D. Thayer

Bogiston

Calvin C. Bailey
 Roland G. Brown
 Samuel B. Dana

Syman

James Smith
 Wm. F. Endicott
 Melyne C. Litchfield

Mather

Wm. Augustus Trumbull
 John H. Locke
 Daniel H. Southard

Hawes

Isaac W. Mott
 Aubrey M. Pendleton
 William P. Cherrington

Otis

Theodore A. Taylor
 William H. Waitt
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Endicott

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